



# Scientific Computing with Matlab

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# Introduction to Matlab

- ¿What is Matlab?
  - Matlab = **Matrix Laboratory**.
  - Interactive program for mathematical operations and graphical representation
  - Company: The Mathworks Inc (Natick, MA).  
<http://www.mathworks.com>
  - Created in California by Jack Little and Cleve Moler in 1984, for matrix computation without the need of background in programming (no loops).

# Introducción a Matlab

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**Development environment**

**+**

**Programming Language**

**+**

**Graphical User Interface**

# Compatibility

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- Platforms that run Matlab
  - Operating systems
    - Unix: Linux, solaris, HP-UX
    - Mac OS X
    - MS-Windows
  - Architectures
    - RISC: Sparc, HP-PA
    - PowerMac (G4, G5)
    - Intel Pentium(III, IV, Xeon, M), AMD (Athlon, Opteron)

# Matlab versions

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- Matlab 5
  - Good graphics (2D, 3D)
  - PC: uses all available memory
- Matlab 6
  - Development environment. Java interface.
  - 3D matrices, structures, cell arrays
- Matlab 7
  - Improvements in environment and Simulink
  - Matlab compiler with OOP
  - Optimized integer computation

# Matlab 7 development environment

The image displays the Matlab 7 development environment interface. On the left, the **Workspace** window shows a variable `x` of type `<20x20 double>`. Below it, the **Command History** window lists recent commands, including `txt=nombres`, `matriculas`, `whos`, `i`, `y=med(12)`, `x=med(12)`, `ver`, `bench`, `peaks`, `x=rand(20);`, `plot(x(4,1:20), 'Disp`, and `peaks`. The **Command Window** at the bottom right shows the execution of `peaks`, displaying the function definition:

```
z = 3*(1-x).^2.*exp(-(x.^2) - (y+1).^2) ...  
- 10*(x/5 - x.^3 - y.^5).*exp(-x.^2-y.^2) ...  
- 1/3*exp(-(x+1).^2 - y.^2)
```

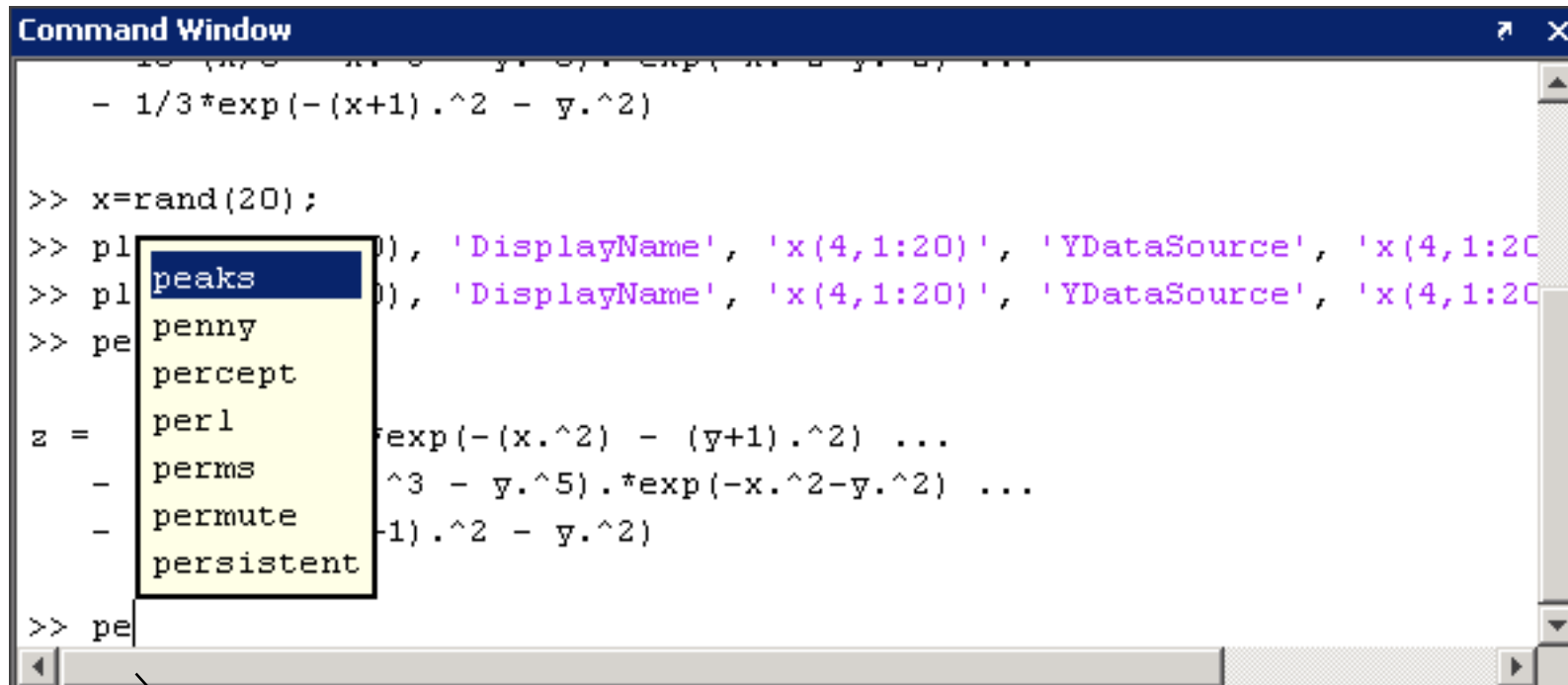
On the right, the **Figuras** window displays a 3D surface plot of the `peaks` function, showing a complex surface with multiple peaks and valleys. The plot is titled "Peaks" and has axes labeled `x`, `y`, and `z`. The `z`-axis ranges from -5 to 5, the `x`-axis from -3 to 3, and the `y`-axis from -2 to 2. The surface is colored with a gradient from blue (low values) to red (high values).

Labels with arrows point to the **Workspace**, **command history**, **Figuras**, and **command window** windows.



# Matlab 7

- Access to previous commands as you type



```
Command Window
- 1/3*exp(-(x+1).^2 - y.^2)

>> x=rand(20);
>> pl
>> pl
>> pe
>> pe

z =
- exp(-(x.^2) - (y+1).^2) ...
- ^3 - y.^5).*exp(-x.^2-y.^2) ...
- 1).^2 - y.^2)

>> pe
```

The screenshot shows the MATLAB Command Window with a list of command suggestions for the input 'pe'. The suggestions are: peaks, penny, percept, perl, perms, permute, and persistent. The 'peaks' suggestion is highlighted in blue. An arrow points from the 'pe' input to the text 'You type: PE TAB'.

You type: PE TAB

# Algunas mejoras de Matlab 7

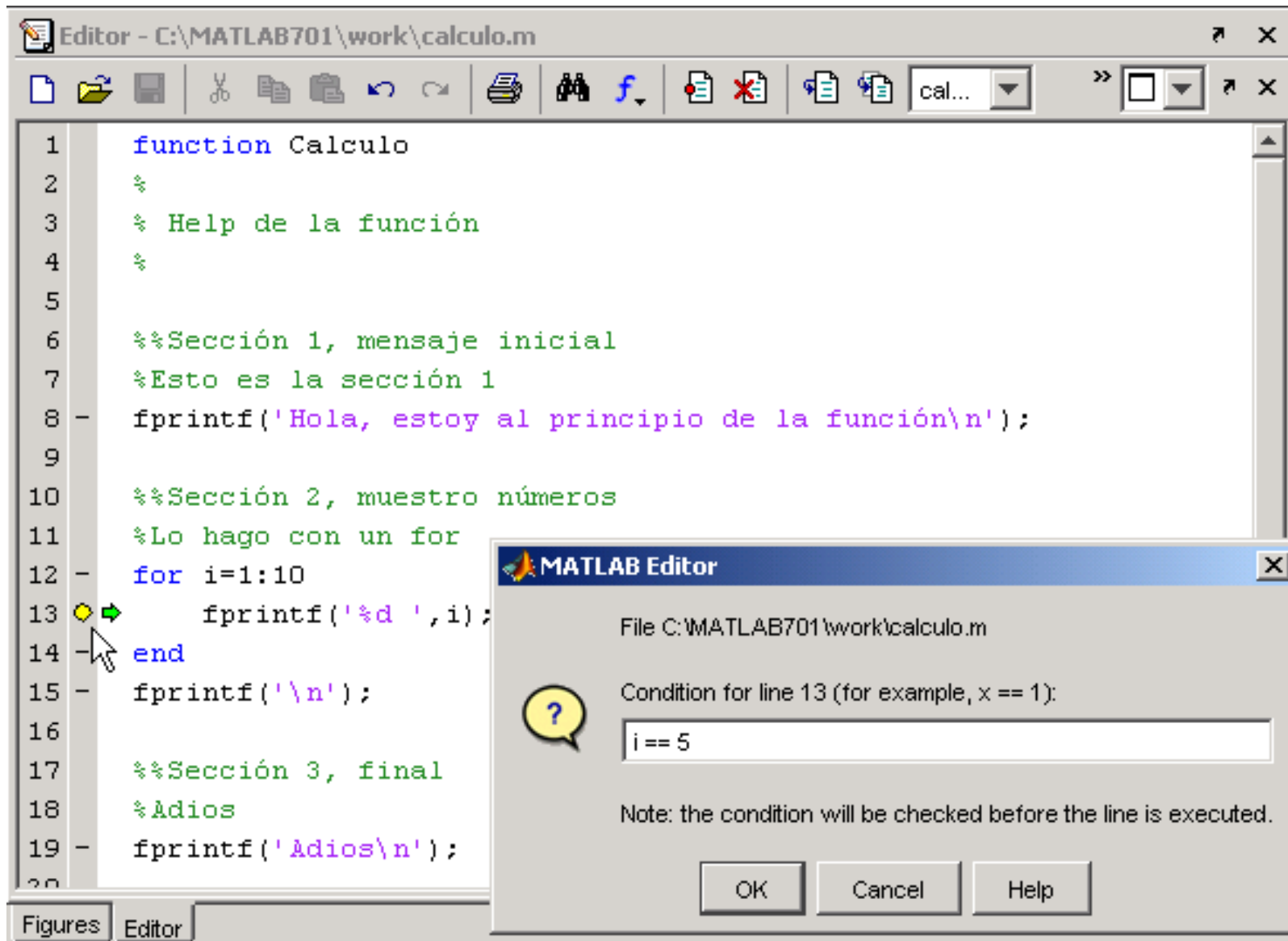
- Immediate data plot

The screenshot shows the MATLAB interface with a data table. A context menu is open over the table, highlighting the 'Plot selected columns' option. The table contains numerical data with columns numbered 1 to 8 and rows numbered 1 to 22. The menu options include standard editing actions (Cut, Copy, Paste, etc.), 'Insert...', 'Delete...', 'Clear Contents', 'Create Variable from Selection', 'Plot selected columns', and several plotting functions: 'bar (x(4:17,2:3))', 'imagesc (x(4:17,2:3))', 'contour (x(4:17,2:3))', 'surf (x(4:17,2:3))', 'mesh (x(4:17,2:3))', and 'More Plots...'. The 'Plot selected columns' option is highlighted in blue.

Tamaño máximo  
de la matriz:  
524288 elementos

# Matlab 7

- Debugger with conditional Breakpoints



# Matlab 7

- Execution by sections of code (cell→enable cell mode)

Increment value near cursor and evaluate cell

```
8 %Sección 1, mensaje inicial
9 %Esto es la sección 1
10 fprintf('Hola, estoy al principio de la función\n');
11
12 %% Cell 2
13 %Sección 2, muestro números
14 %Lo hago con un for
15 for i=1:24
16     fprintf('%d ',i);
17 end
18 fprintf('\n');
19
```

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24  
>>

Ejecución  
sección por  
sección

Permite repetir la ejecución de una sección  
cambiando un parámetro de la misma.

Parámetro que estamos retocando

Resultado de la ejecución de la sección

# Matlab 7

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- Execution/Debugger by sections of código (Cell Mode)
- Automatic Documentation generation
- Code optimization with M-Lint and profiler (see chap6)
- Better automatic code generation from Simulink
- Interactive plot tool (see chap6)
- Function textscan to read text files
- Computing support for integer variables
  - Smaller matrices, faster code → very useful for image processing
- Editor with international characters support

# Development environment

The screenshot displays the MATLAB development environment interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Debug, Desktop, Window, and Help. The current directory is set to C:\MATLAB701\work. The workspace window on the left shows variables: ans (value [1.162 1.532 0.56...]), i (value 20), x (value <3x5 double>), and z (value <6x2 double>). The command window on the right shows the following commands and output:

```
?? x=zeros(6,2)
Error: Unbalanced or misused parentheses or brackets.

>> x=ones(3,5)
x =
    1    1    1    1    1
    1    1    1    1    1
    1    1    1    1    1

>> z=zeros(6,2)
z =
    0    0
    0    0
    0    0
    0    0
    0    0
    0    0

>> x=ones(3,5)
x =
    1    1    1    1    1
    1    1    1    1    1
    1    1    1    1    1

>>
```

The Command History window at the bottom left shows a list of executed commands, including help textscan, bench, help bench, saveworkspace, save workspace, save kk x, i, save kk x i, x=ones(3), x=ones(3,5), x=zeros(6,2), x=ones(3,5), z=zeros(6,2), and x=ones(3,5).

Command window

# Basic commands

- `ver` → version number, license code and toolbox versions
  - License 46431: Research
  - License 205966: Only for teaching
- `whos` → list of variables
- `save archivo` → save all variables
- `save archivo a b` → save variables a & b
- `load archivo` → load file and create variables
- `quit` → exit

# Editor

- Matlab includes and editor for writing programs and functions

Controles del debugger

Ejecución por secciones en cell mode

```
1 function [med,des]=med_des(x)
2 % Funciona para calcular la media y la desviación a la vez
3 % [med,des]=med_des(x)
4 %
5 % Rafael Palacios (nov/2004)
6 - med=mean(x(:));
7 - des=std(x(:));
8 |
```

sintaxis



# Documentation

- Help in text mode using command line
  - `help function_name` → displays help for that function
  - `help` can be used with Matlab standard functions and user developed functions
- Help in graphics mode

The image shows two screenshots from the MATLAB environment. The left screenshot shows the MATLAB desktop with the 'Help' menu item highlighted in the 'Start' menu. A red arrow points from this menu item to the right screenshot. The right screenshot is titled 'Hypertext Help Window' and shows the MATLAB Help browser interface. The 'Help Navigator' on the left lists various MATLAB components, with 'MATLAB' selected. The main content area displays the MATLAB logo and navigation options: 'Functions: By Category' and 'In Alphabetical Order', and 'Handle Graphics: Object Properties'. Below this, there are sections for 'Documentation Set' (including Getting Started, User Guides, Programming Tips, and Examples in Documentation) and 'Product Demos' (including MATLAB Demos).

Start / Help

# Documentation example

## Standard sections

- Syntax
- Description
- Arguments
- Examples
- Algorithm
- Limitations
- See Also
- References

developed by scholars

$$f(x) = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (a - x_1)^2$$

This changes the location of the minimum to the point  $[a, a^2]$ . To minimize this function for a specific value of  $a$ , for example  $a = \text{sqrt}(2)$ , create a one-argument anonymous function that captures the value of  $a$ .

```
a = sqrt(2);  
banana = @(x) 100*(x(2)-x(1)^2)^2+(a-x(1))^2;
```

Then the statement

```
[x,fval] = fminsearch(banana, [-1.2, 1], ...  
    optimset('TolX', 1e-8));
```

seeks the minimum  $[\text{sqrt}(2), 2]$  to an accuracy higher than the default on  $x$ .

### Algorithm

`fminsearch` uses the simplex search method of [1]. This is a direct search method that does not use numerical or analytic gradients.

If  $n$  is the length of  $x$ , a simplex in  $n$ -dimensional space is characterized by the  $n+1$  distinct vectors that are its vertices. In two-space, a simplex is a triangle; in three-space, it is a pyramid. At each step of the search, a new point in or near the current simplex is generated. The function value at the new point is compared with the function's values at the vertices of the simplex and, usually, one of the vertices is replaced by the new point, giving a new simplex. This step is repeated until the diameter of the simplex is less than the specified tolerance.

### Limitations

`fminsearch` can often handle discontinuity, particularly if it does not occur near the solution. `fminsearch` may only give local solutions.

`fminsearch` only minimizes over the real numbers, that is,  $x$  must only consist of real numbers and  $f(x)$  must only return real numbers. When  $x$  has complex variables, they must be split into real and imaginary parts.

### See Also

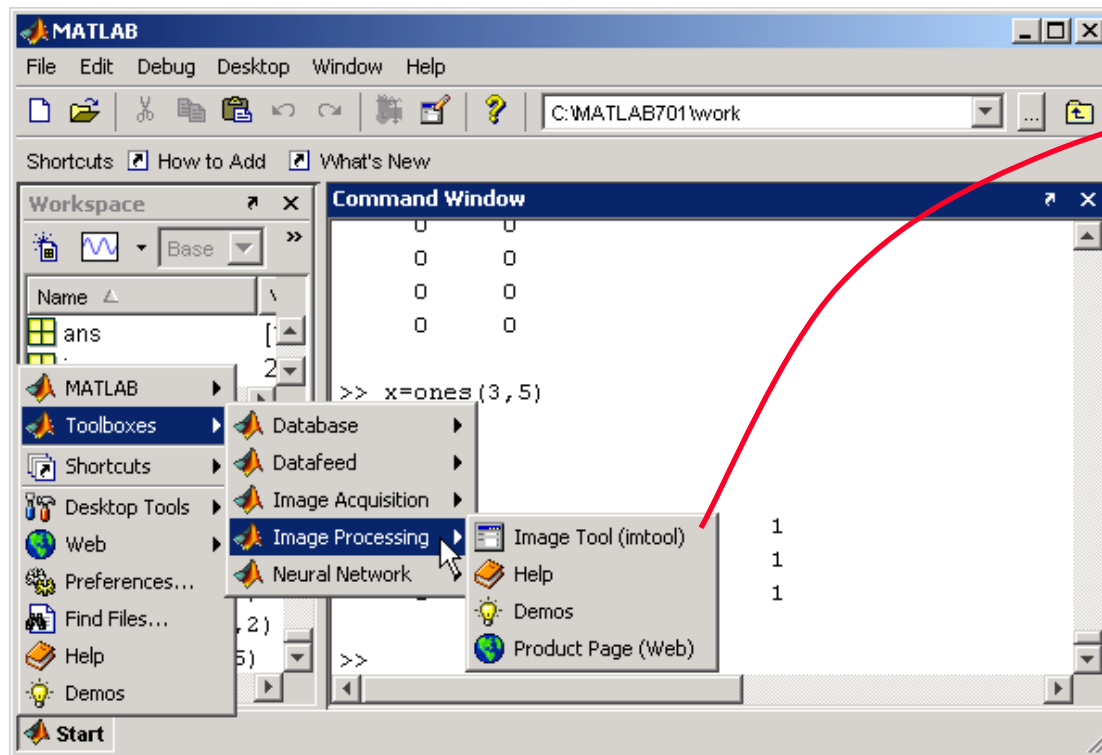
[fminbnd](#), [optimset](#), [function\\_handle](#) (@), [anonymous functions](#)

### References

[1] Lagarias, J.C., J. A. Reeds, M. H. Wright, and P. E. Wright, "Convergence Properties of the Nelder-Mead Simplex Method in Low Dimensions," *SIAM Journal of Optimization*, Vol. 9 Number 1, pp. 112-147, 1998.

# Toolboxes

- Specific libraries for different scientific topics. Include:
  - User's Guide [HTML, PDF]
  - Reference Guide [HTML, PDF]
  - Demo Programs
  - Demo applications (called tool) ready to use



# Examples of Toolboxes

```
>> ver
```

```
-----  
MATLAB Version 6.5.0.180913a (R13)
```

```
MATLAB License Number: 46431
```

```
Operating System: SunOS 5.8 Generic_108528-29 sun4u
```

```
Java VM Version: Java 1.3.1_02 with Sun Microsystems Inc. Java HotSpot(TM) Server VM  
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```

MATLAB	Version 6.5	(R13)
Simulink	Version 5.0	(R13)
Control System Toolbox	Version 5.2	(R13)
Fuzzy Logic Toolbox	Version 2.1.2	(R13)
Image Processing Toolbox	Version 3.2	(R13)
MATLAB Compiler	Version 3.0	(R13)
MATLAB Web Server	Version 1.2.2	(R13)
Mu-Analysis and Synthesis Toolbox	Version 3.0.7	(R13)
Neural Network Toolbox	Version 4.0.2	(R13)
Nonlinear Control Design Blockset	Version 1.1.6	(R13)
Optimization Toolbox	Version 2.2	(R13)
Real-Time Workshop	Version 5.0	(R13)
Robust Control Toolbox	Version 2.0.9	(R13)
SB2SL (converts SystemBuild to Simu...)	Version 2.5	(R13)
Signal Processing Toolbox	Version 6.0	(R13)
System Identification Toolbox	Version 5.0.2	(R13)

```
>> date
```

```
ans =
```

```
27-Nov-2004
```

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# Variables

- Matlab doesn't require to declare variable or to specify the size of arrays
  - Variables are auto-declared when assigned
  - Memory is reallocated automatically

```
>> x=5;
>> y=20;
>> z=x*y

z =

    100

>> a=load('data.txt');
>> st='ho1a';
```

using ';' the value is assigned but the result is not displayed

without ';' the final result is shown

# Vectors and Matrices

- Matlab considers that all variables are matrices
- Vectors and scalars are special cases (size 1).

Some examples on how to initialize **row vectors**

```
>> x=[1,2,3,5,7,11,13]; → [ 1  2  3  5  7 11 13 ]
>> x=[1 2 3 5 7 11 13]; → [ 1  2  3  5  7 11 13 ]

>> y=1:5; → [ 1  2  3  4  5 ]
>> even=2:2:10; → [ 2  4  6  8 10 ]
>> odd_down=9:-2:1; → [ 9  7  5  3  1 ]

>>a(5)=7; → [ 0  0  0  0  7 ]
```

# Vectors and Matrices

Some examples on how to initialize **column vectors**

```
>> x=[1;2;3;5;7;11;13]
```

```
x =
```

```
1  
2  
3  
5  
7  
11  
13
```

```
>> x=[1,2,3,5,7,11,13]';
```

row vector

transpose



# Vectors and Matrices

Examples on how to initialize matrices

```
>> M = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9];
```

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

```
>> ceros=zeros(2,5);
```

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

```
>> unos=ones(3,4);
```

1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

```
>> M2=[ 20, 21, 22; M];
```

```
>> M2=[[20, 21, 22]; M];
```

```
>> M3=[ [15;16;17], M];
```

20	21	22
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

```
>> aleatorio=rand(20,30);
```

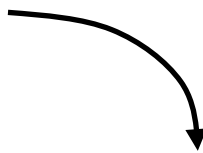
```
>> normal=randn(20,30);
```

15	1	2	3
16	4	5	6
17	7	8	9

# Accessing elements of a matrix

- Matlab uses parenthesis ( ) to access elements of a matrix
- Indexes start at 1, so the first of matrix mat is `mat(1,1)`
- Example: `a(3,5)=56.8;`

0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0.7858	0.7742	0.0934	0.2763	0.8453
0.3656	0.1478	0.9288	0.1310	0.7264
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947



0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0.7858	0.7742	0.0934	0.2763	0.8453
0.3656	0.1478	0.9288	0.1310	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947

# Accessing elements of a matrix

- Vectors can be used to specify the indexes
- Example 1: `a(2:3,1:4)=zeros(2,4);`  
also: `a(2:3,1:4)=0;`

0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0.7858	0.7742	0.0934	0.2763	0.8453
0.3656	0.1478	0.9288	0.1310	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947




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0	0	0	0	0.8453
0	0	0	0	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947

# Accessing elements of a matrix

- Ejemplo 2: `a([2,3],[2,4])=ones(2,2);`  
o bien: `a([2,3],[2,4])=1;`

0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0	0	0	0	0.8453
0	0	0	0	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947



0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0	1.0000	0	1.0000	0.8453
0	1.0000	0	1.0000	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947

# Accessing elements of a matrix

- The symbol ' : ' means “all elements”
- It may be used as “all elements in row” or “all elements in the matrix”, etc.

0.1737	0.3421	0.6391	0.1632	0.2313
0.7858	0.7742	0.0934	0.2763	0.8453
0.3656	0.1478	0.9288	0.1310	56.8000
0.7769	0.1482	0.4851	0.0232	0.6947

→ `a(3,:)`  
`size(a(3,:))` → [1 5]

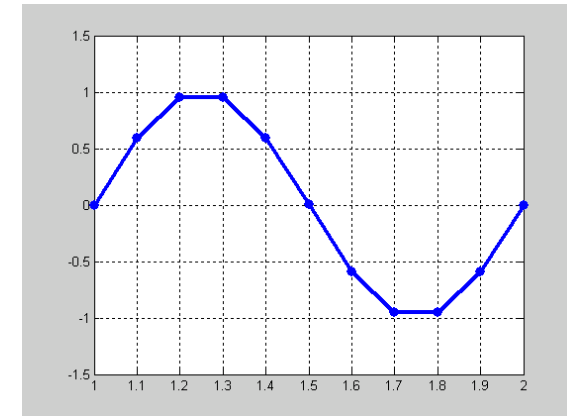
↓  
`a(:,2)`  
`size(a(:,2))` → [4 1]

↘  
`a(:)` → all elements  
`size(a(:))` → [20 1]  
returns a column vector

# Acceso a los elementos de una matriz

- The operator 'end' means "last element"
  - Example: Vector of differences

```
>> t=1:0.1:2;  
>> y=sin(2*pi*t);  
>> differences=[NaN; y(2:end)-y(1:end-1)];
```



```
t = 1.00 1.10 1.20 1.30 1.40 1.50 1.60 1.70 1.80 1.90 2.00
```

```
y = -0.00 0.59 0.95 0.95 0.59 0.00 -0.59 -0.95 -0.95 -0.59 -0.00
```

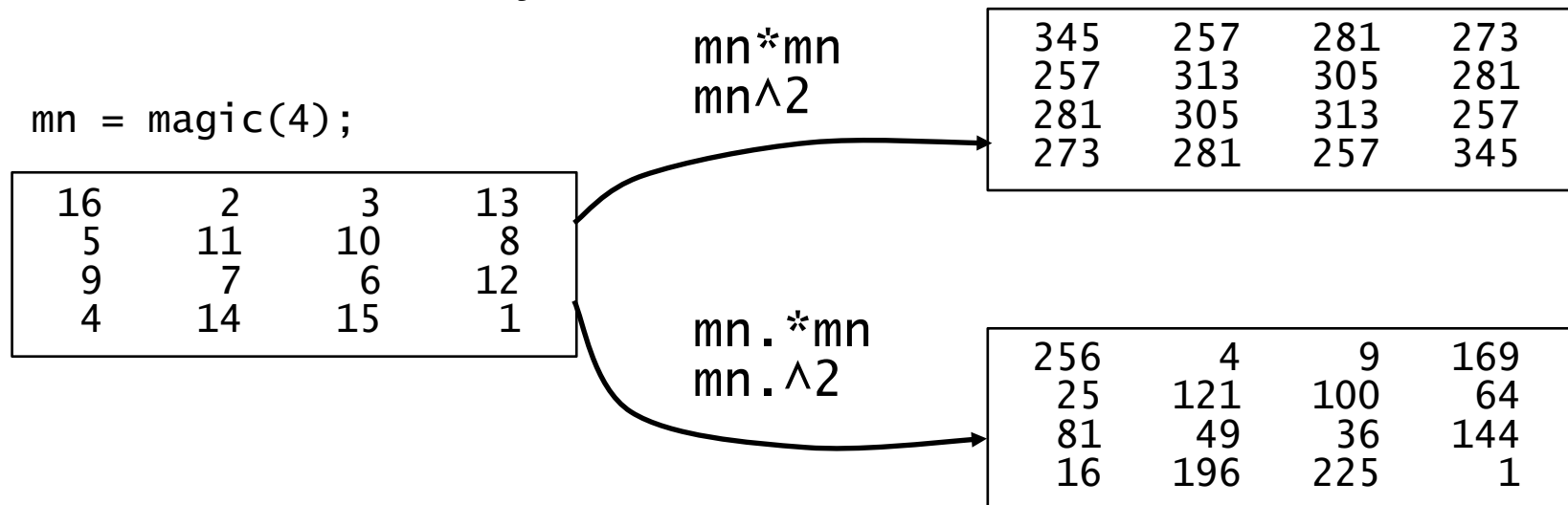
```
differences = NaN 0.59 0.36 0.00 -0.36 -0.59 -0.59 -0.36 -0.00 0.36 0.59
```

# Basic mathematical operators

- Arithmetic operators: + - \* / ^
  - Matlab works with matrices, in contrast with other programming languages that only work with scalar values

```
>> a=rand(2,5);  
>> b=rand(5,2);  
>> c=a*b;           % matrix 2x2  
>> d=b*a;           % matrix 5x5
```

- Operations element-by-element: + - .\* ./ .^



# Other matrix operations

- Sum: `sum`

```
>> b=sum(A);    % if A is a matrix, add elements by column. b is a row vector
>> c=sum(b);    % if b es vector, all elements are added. c is a scalar

>> c=sum(sum(a)); % addition of all elements in a
>> c=sum(a(:));  % addition of all elements in a
```

- Mean and stander deviation: `m=mean(A);`  
`sigma=std(A);`
- Elements of the diagonal: `v=diag(A);`
- Left division: `x=A\B;` The least squares solution for  $Ax = b$  is obtained by means of  $x = A \setminus b$ ;
- Determinant: `c=det(A);`
- Inverse: `B=inv(A);`
- Eigenvalues: `v=ein(A);`
- Absolute values, or complex module: `B=abs(A);`



# Other functions

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- Trig: `sin`, `cos`, `tan`, `asin`, `acos`, `atan`, `sinh`, `cosh`, `tanh`, `asinh`, `acosh`, `atanh`
- Rounding: `floor`, `ceil`, `round`, `fix`
- Modular: `rem`, `mod`
- Exponential: `exp`, `log`, `log2`, `log10`, `sqrt`
- Primes: `factor`, `primes`

# Data types

- Matlab uses type **double** according to the IEEE standard
- It can manage special values like inf (infinity) y NaN (not-a-number)
- Complex number are used automatically when needed.

```
>> a=123/0
Warning: Divide by zero.
a =
    Inf

>> b=0/0
Warning: Divide by zero.
b =
    NaN

>> Inf-Inf
ans =
    NaN

>> c=15+sqrt(-1)
c =
    15.0000 + 1.0000i
```

# Data types

- Real matrices
  - double    `realmin`→2.2251e-308, `realmax`→1.7977e+308, `eps`→2.2204e-016
  - single    `realmin`→1.1755e-038, `realmax`→3.4028e+038, `eps`→1.1921e-007
- Integer matrices
  - int8, uint8
  - int16, uint16
  - int32, uint32
  - int64, uint64
- Other types
  - char
  - logical
  - cell
  - struct

# Data types: sparse matrices

- Sparse matrices stored as sparse save memory and computer faster

```
s = sparse(1000,1000);  
s(2,11) = 2;  
s(992,875) = 3;  
s(875,992) = 4.7;
```

- All mathematical operations are executed using sparse algorithms.
- When they are not really sparse, they are automatically converted back to normal matrices

```
s=s+3; % s is not sparse anymore
```

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# Scripts

- One **script** is a sequence of instructions that matlab can save in a `.m` file

```
%Script de ejemplo

%% Inicio
a=magic(4);
fprintf('Inicio cálculos\n');

%% Traza
traza=sum(diag(a));

%% Resultado
fprintf('La traza vale: %f\n',traza)
```

`ejem_script.m`

- It is executed by the filename:

```
>> ejem_script
```

# Functions (Call)

- Matlab functions can receive several arguments and they can also return several results:

```
[m,d]=med_des(x);
```

- Functions can have optional arguments

```
mit=imread('cameraman.tif','TIFF');  
mit=imread('cameraman.tif');
```

- It is not necessary to assign all results

```
[mit,map]=imread('imageman.gif');  
mit=imread('imageman.gif');
```

# Functions (declaration)

- Functions are also written in .m files that must be located in the current working directory (or a directory specified in the path)

```
function [med,des]=med_des(x)
% Funciona para calcular la media y la desviación a la vez
% [med,des]=med_des(x)
%
% Rafael Palacios (nov/2004)
med=mean(x(:));
des=std(x(:));
```

Med\_des.m

This is the information that you get if you type: `help med_des`



# Functions

- The variable `nargin` (local to the function) holds the number of arguments received.
- The variable `nargout` (local to the function) holds the numbers of results that will be used in the calling functions. Therefore we can skip some computing sections.
- All arguments work by value, not by reference. (but it is smart to save time and memory)

•Scripts share variables with the workspace, while functions use local variables

# Logical expressions

- Relational operators: `~=` `==` `>` `<` `>=` `<=`
- Logical operators:
  - `&&` Short-circuit AND
  - `||` Short-circuit OR
  - `&` AND
  - `|` OR
- There is a function for `xor`, but not an operator

# Control de Flujo: if

- if

```
if a > b
    tmp=a;
    a=b;
    b=tmp;
end
```

```
if rem(n,2) ~= 0
    M = odd_magic(n)
elseif rem(n,4) ~= 0
    M = single_even_magic(n)
else
    M = double_even_magic(n)
end
```

In contrast with C, Matlab does not require parenthesis for the logical expression

# Control de Flujo: for

- for loop

```
for n = 3:32
    r(n) = rank(magic(n));
end
```

```
a=[];
for n = [ 1 2 3 5 7 11 ]
    a = [a, isprime(n)];
end
```

# Control de Flujo: while

- while loop

```
while ~isprime(x)
    x = x + 1;
end
```

# Control de Flujo: switch

- switch-case

```
switch (rem(n,4)==0)+(rem(n,2)==0)
    case 0
        M = odd_magic(n)
    case 1
        M = single_even_magic(n)
    case 2
        M = double_even_magic(n)
    otherwise
        error('This is impossible')
end
```

In contrast with C, Matlab doesn't use break.

# Control de Flujo: try

- try-catch

```
try
    statement
    ...
    statement
catch
    statement
    ...
    statement
end
```

The instructions between catch and end are only executed in case of error among the first set of statements. One may use `lasterr` to get the error code that triggered the catch section.

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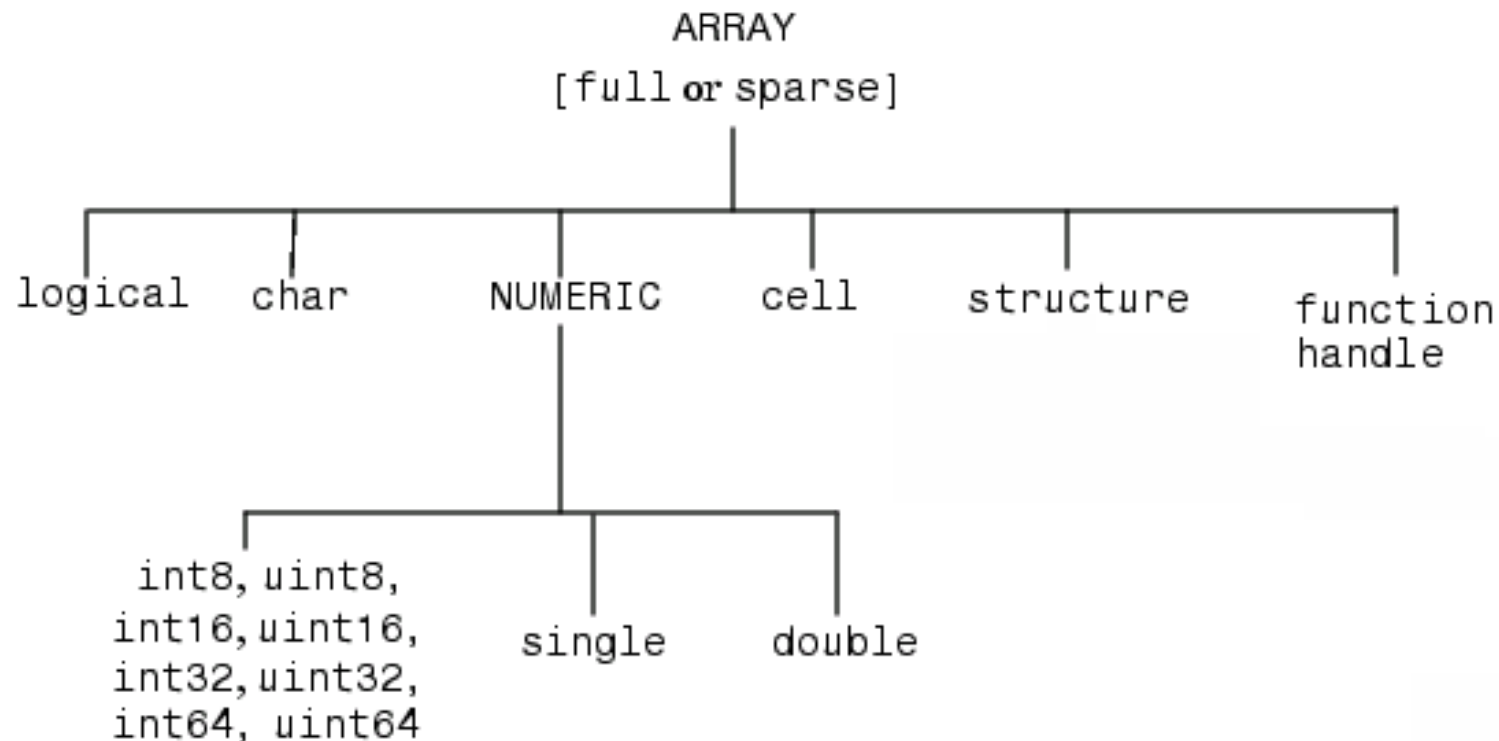
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# All data types

- Matlab has 15 data types that can be used to build matrices or arrays



In addition there are user defined data types for object oriented programming: *user classes*, y *Java classes*

# Identifying the type of data

- Description of the data type

```
>> type=class(x)
type =
double
>>
```

- Logical identification

```
isinteger(x)
isfloat(x)
ischar(x)
islogical(x)
iscell(x)
isstruct(x)
```

```
int8, uint8
int16, uint16
int32, uint32
int64, uint64
```

```
single
double
```

```
isempty([])
isinf(Inf)
isnan(NaN)
```

# Type conversion

- Conversion uses the name of the data type as a function name

```
>> a=randn(5,7)
```

```
a =
```

```
-0.4326    1.1909   -0.1867    0.1139    0.2944    0.8580   -0.3999  
-1.6656    1.1892    0.7258    1.0668   -1.3362    1.2540    0.6900  
 0.1253   -0.0376   -0.5883    0.0593    0.7143   -1.5937    0.8156  
 0.2877    0.3273    2.1832   -0.0956    1.6236   -1.4410    0.7119  
-1.1465    0.1746   -0.1364   -0.8323   -0.6918    0.5711    1.2902
```

```
>> b=int8(a)
```

```
b =
```

```
 0     1     0     0     0     1     0  
-2     1     1     1    -1     1     1  
 0     0    -1     0     1    -2     1  
 0     0     2     0     2    -1     1  
-1     0     0    -1    -1     1     1
```

*Matlab applies rounding while converting to integer*

# Type conversion

- Rounding functions
  - `round`: nearest integer
  - `floor`: rounds towards  $-\text{Inf}$
  - `ceil`: rounds towards  $+\text{Inf}$
  - `fix`: rounds towards 0

```
>> class(round(3.5))  
ans =  
double
```

Does not change the data type

Round is useful for indexing with real values

```
>> b(4.7)  
??? Subscript indices must either be real positive integers or logicals.
```

```
>> b(round(4.7))  
ans =  
-1
```

# Character strings

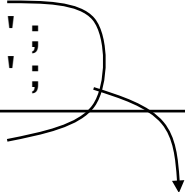
- In matlab strings are vectors of character (like in C)

```
>> str='Hello world';
>> whos
  Name      Size      Bytes  Class
  str      1x11      22    char array
Grand total is 11 elements using 22 bytes

>> str(7)
ans =
W

>> str=['H', 'o', 'l', 'a'];

>> nombres(1,:)='Rafael';
>> nombres(2,:)='Ana    ';
```



Variables that contain several names, build a matrix of char in which all the names have the same length. The conversion function `char` helps to build such matrix

```
>> names=char('Rafael', 'Ana');
```

Using **cell arrays** it is possible to store several strings of different lengths into one variables

# Strings

- Comparing two strings
  - The operator `==` works in vector mode, element-by-element

```
A = 'fate';  
B = 'cake';  
  
A == B  
ans =  
    0    1    0    1
```

- `strcmp`: compares strings and returns 1 if they are equal and 0 if different. (Note that is different that C).
- Other comparing functions: `strncmp`, `strcmpi`, `strncmpi`

# Strings

- Other functions for strings
  - `strrep`: typical find-and-replace  
`st2=strrep(st1, 'find', 'replace');`
  - `findstr`: find a string within another  
`pos = findstr('find', st);`
  - `strcat`: concat 2 or more strings  
`text = strcat(st1, st2, st3);`
  - `sprintf`: builds a string. Equivalent to `sprintf` in C  
`st=sprintf('I have %6.2f EUR', my_money);`

# Structures and Cell Arrays

- Structures allows matlab to store several variables of different types under one variable name

```
>> dot.x=123;
>> dot.y=34;
>> dot.color='red';
>> dot
dot =
      x: 123
      y: 34
 color: 'red'
```

- Structures do not require previous definition
- Fields access is similar to C
- It is possible to use vectors of structures

```
>> punto(2).x=435;
```



# Structures and Cell Arrays

- It is possible to use variables to specify the field name:

```
>> punto.x=123;
>> punto.y=34;
>> punto.color='red';
>> punto
punto =
      x: 123
      y: 34
  color: 'red'

>> campo='color';
>> punto.(campo)
ans =
red
```

# Structures and Cell Arrays

- A cell array is used to build vectors in which each element may use a different data type:

```
>> c={12,'Red',magic(4)};
>> c
c =
    [12]    'Red'    [4x4 double]

>> b{1}=12;
>> b{2}='Red';
>> b{3}=magic(4);
>> b
b =
    [12]    'Red'    [4x4 double]
```

- One should use { } instead of [ ] or ( )
- The difference with structures is that you may use indexes instead of field names
- Structures and cell arrays are less efficient than matrices

# Structures and Cell Arrays

- Cell array can be used to build a matrix in which each element has a different type:

```
>> a{1,1} = 12;
>> a{1,2} = 'Red';
>> a{1,3} = magic(4);
>> a{2,1} = ones(3);
>> a{2,2} = 43;
>> a{2,3} = 'texto';
>> a
a =
    [          12]    'Red'    [4x4 double]
    [3x3 double]    [ 43]    'texto'
>>
```

is this useful?

# Structures and Cell Arrays

- Using ( ) we can access the element, which is type cell
- Using { } we can access the value directly

```
>> a
a =
    [          12]    'Red'    [4x4 double]
    [3x3 double]    [ 43]    'texto'
```

```
>> class(a)
ans =
cell
```

```
>> class(a(1,1))
ans =
cell
```

```
>> class(a{1,1})
ans =
double
```

# Structures and Cell Arrays

- Database access example (database toolbox)

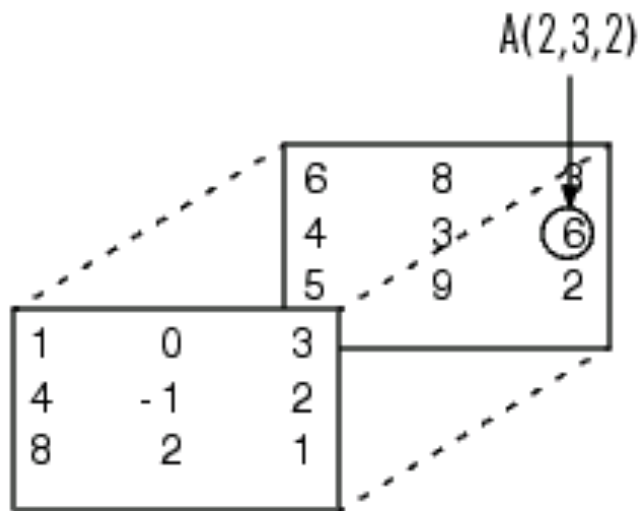
```
conn=database('base_de_datos_ODBC','usuario','password');
query='SELECT to_number(PROD),HORA,EST FROM TB_CENT WHERE CENTRAL='ROBLA''';
curs=exec(conn,query);
curs=fetch(curs);

for i=1:size(curs.Data,1)
    producciones(i)=curs.Data{i,1};
    horas(i)=curs.Data{i,2};
    estados(i)=curs.Data{i,3};
end

close(curs);
close(conn);
```

# Multi-dimensional matrix

- Matrices of more than 2 dimensions are called **Multidimensional Arrays**
- Matlab support all matrix operations in N dimensiones



$$A(:,:,1) =$$

1	0	3
4	-1	2
8	2	1

$$A(:,:,2) =$$

6	8	3
4	3	6
5	9	2

# Multi-dimensional matrix

```
>> c=imread('autumn.tif');  
>> whos c  
Name      Size      Bytes  Class  
c         206x345x3 213210  uint8 array
```

Grand total is 213210 elements using 213210 bytes

```
>> imshow(c)
```

```
>> max(c(:))
```

```
ans =
```

```
248
```

todos los elementos

```
>> gris=(c(:,:,1)+c(:,:,2)+c(:,:,3))/3;
```

```
>> imshow(gris)
```



# Date and Time

- Matlab can use dates and times in three formats:
  - strings
  - numeric value (number of days since 1/ene/0000)
  - numeric vector [year, month, day, hour, min, sec]

Date Format	Example	
Date string	02-Oct-1996	date
Serial date number	729300	now
Date vector	1996 10 2 0 0 0	clock

- It takes into account leap years
- It does not take into account UTC/local time or DST



# Date and Time

- Date/Time onversion functions

Function	Description
<a href="#">datetime</a>	Convert a date string to a serial date number.
<a href="#">datestr</a>	Convert a serial date number to a date string.
<a href="#">datevec</a>	Split a date number or date string into individual date elements.

← you can use fprintf

- Examples

```
function fecha_corregida=FechaCambio(fecha_calculo,dias)
%
%Obtiene una nueva estructura de fecha adelantando o retrasando dias
%function fecha_corregida=FechaCambio(fecha_calculo,dias)
%   fecha_corregida y fecha_calculo son estructuras con los campos dia, mes, aNo.
%
%Ejemplo: function fecha_corregida=FechaCambio(fecha_calculo,-1); %dia anterior
%
%Rafael Palacios Nov/2004
%
fecha_num=datetime(fecha_calculo.aNo,fecha_calculo.mes,fecha_calculo.dia);
fecha_num=fecha_num+dias;
fecha_vec=datevec(fecha_num);
fecha_corregida.aNo=fecha_vec(1);
fecha_corregida.mes=fecha_vec(2);
fecha_corregida.dia=fecha_vec(3);
```

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# Measuring time

- Basic functions to measure execution time
  - `tic` & `toc` measure elapsed time in seconds

```
>> tic; inv(inv(inv(randn(1000)))); toc  
Elapsed time is 10.015000 seconds.
```

```
tic  
    for k = 1:100  
        -- programa rápido --  
    end  
toc
```

- `cputime` measures CPU time in seconds

```
>> t=cputime; inv(inv(inv(randn(1000)))); e=cputime-t  
e =  
    9.5137
```

# Code analysis

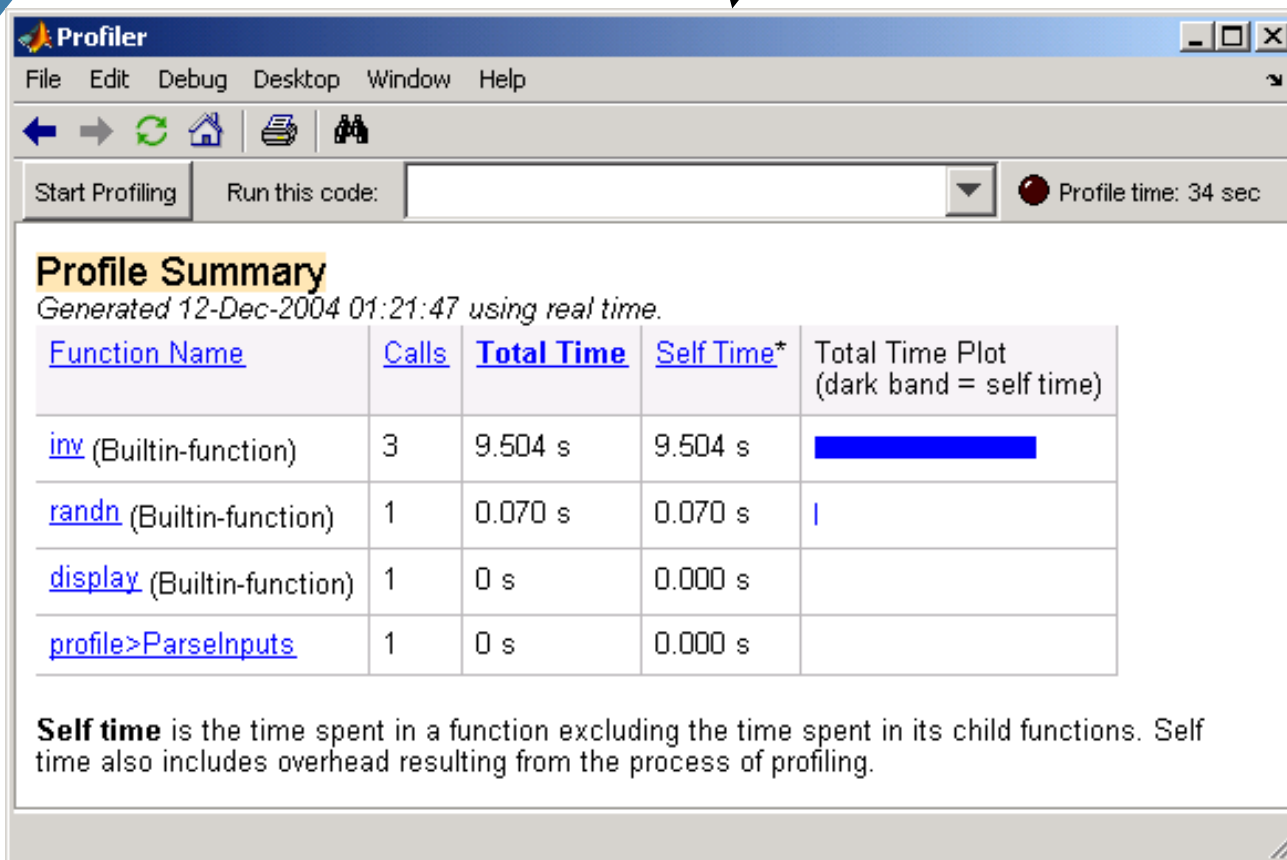
- profiler generates a report of the performance of the code

Graphical mode:

```
>> profile viewer
```

Commands

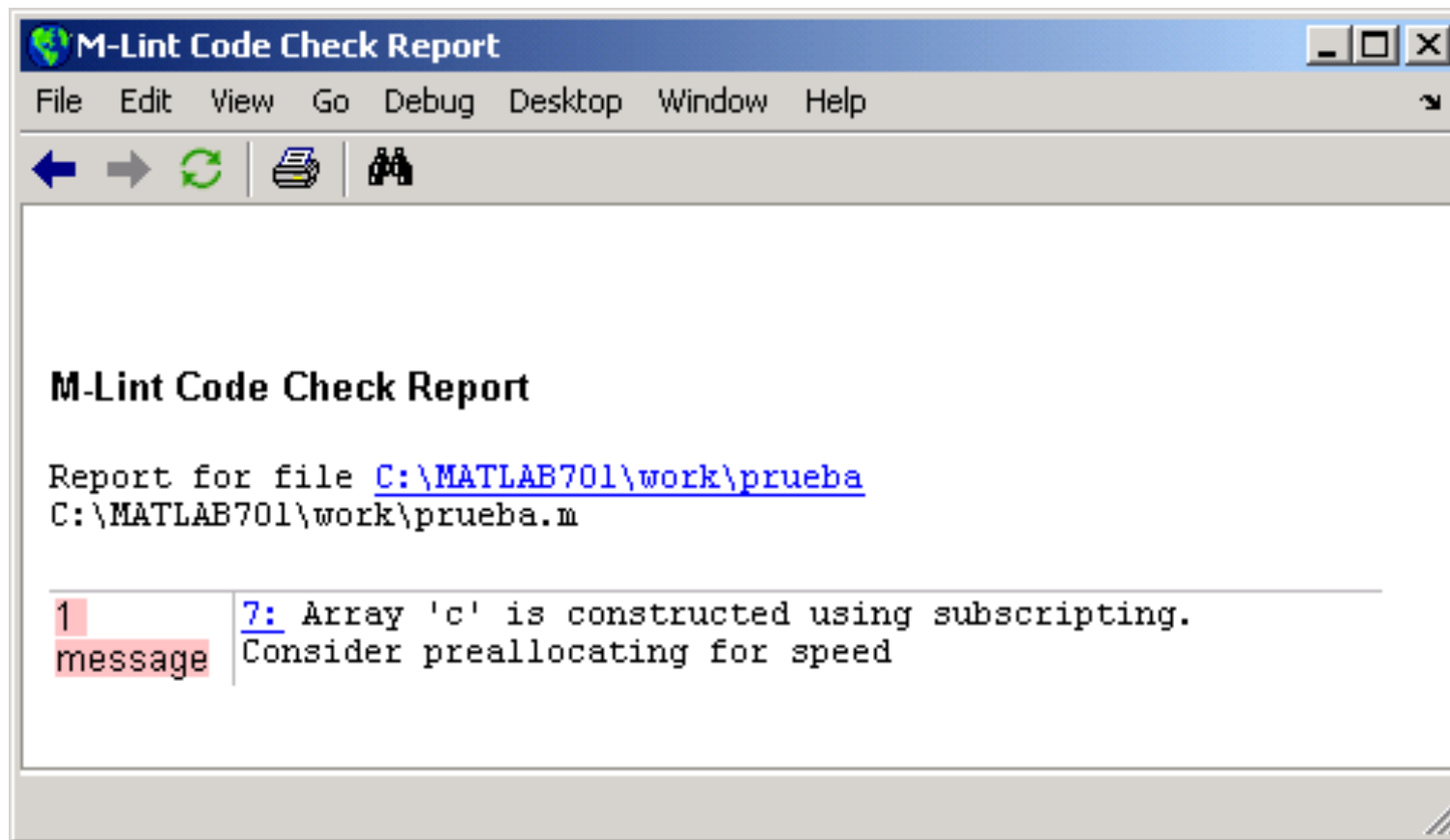
```
>> profile on  
>> inv(inv(inv(randn(1000))));  
>> profile off  
>> profile report
```



Profiler detects the function that it is worth improving.

# Code analysis

- M-Lint is used to analyze the code and automatically detect possible improvements.



The screenshot shows a window titled "M-Lint Code Check Report" with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Go, Debug, Desktop, Window, Help) and a toolbar with navigation icons. The main content area displays the following text:

```
M-Lint Code Check Report

Report for file C:\MATLAB701\work\prueba
C:\MATLAB701\work\prueba.m

1 message | 7: Array 'c' is constructed using subscripting.
          | Consider preallocating for speed
```

# Optimizing loops

- Loops are slow in Matlab

```
>> tic, for t=1:100, prueba, end, toc  
Elapsed time is 3.856000 seconds.  
  
>> tic, for t=1:100, prueba2, end, toc  
Elapsed time is 2.554000 seconds.  
  
>> tic, for t=1:100, suma=sum(z(:)); end, toc  
Elapsed time is 1.893000 seconds.
```

```
%prueba2  
suma=0;  
for i=1:1000  
    for j=1:1000  
        suma=suma+z(j,i);  
    end  
end
```

```
%prueba  
suma=0;  
for i=1:1000  
    for j=1:1000  
        suma=suma+z(i,j);  
    end  
end
```

# Preallocation

- Preallocation avoids dynamic memory allocations

```
>> tic, prueba, toc  
Elapsed time is 54.589000 seconds.  
  
>> tic, for t=1:100, prueba2, end, toc  
Elapsed time is 10.846000 seconds.
```

500x

500 veces más rápido!!!!

```
%prueba2  
z2=ones(size(z));  
for i=1:1000  
    for j=1:1000  
        z2(j,i)=z(j,i);  
    end  
end
```

```
%prueba  
for i=1:1000  
    for j=1:1000  
        z2(j,i)=z(j,i);  
    end  
end
```

Nota: Estos tiempos no mejoran utilizando el compilador porque son retrasos del sistema operativo, no de Matlab. En Unix el código malo es 50 veces más lento, en lugar de 500 veces más lento.

# Use Find instead of for

- Very often it is possible to use `find` instead of a loop
  - `find` returns a vector of indexes corresponding to the values "true"

100x

Example: find pixels with values larger than 200

```
>> tic, for t=1:100, prueba, end, toc
Elapsed time is 6.0 seconds.

>> tic, for t=1:100, length(find(c>200)); end, toc
Elapsed time is 0.06 seconds.

tic, for t=1:100, z=c>200; sum(z(:)); end, toc
Elapsed time is 0.044 seconds.
```

```
%prueba imagen
num=0;
for i=1:size(c,1)
    for j=1:size(c,2)
        for k=1:size(c,3)
            if c(i,j,k)>200
                num=num+1;
            end
        end
    end
end
end
```

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# Use Find instead of for

Example2: Set to zero all pixel with a value larger that 200

```
>> c=imread('autumn.tif');  
>> tic, for t=1:100, my_loop, end, toc  
Elapsed time is 5.6 seconds.  
  
>> c=imread('autumn.tif');  
>> tic, for t=1:100, c(find(c>200))=0; end, toc  
Elapsed time is 0.06 seconds.  
  
>> tic, for t=1:100, c(c>200)=0; end, toc  
Elapsed time is 0.05 seconds.
```

100x

my\_loop

`c>200` generates a 3D matrix of true or false

`find(c>200)` generates a vector with the indexes of true  
`c(find(c>200))` is equivalent to say `c([23, 267, ...])`

`(c>200)` is a vector of the same size as `c` full of logical values that can be use as indexes.

```
%prueba imagen  
for i=1:size(c,1)  
    for j=1:size(c,2)  
        for k=1:size(c,3)  
            if c(i,j,k)>200  
                c(i,j,k)=0;  
            end  
        end  
    end  
end
```

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# Use Find instead of for

- Other useful functions similar to find:
  - all: determines if all elements are nonzero
    - If all(A>0.5)
  - any: determines if any element is nonzero
    - If any(A>0.5)
  - reshape: rearrange the elements of a matrix to a different matrix shape.
  - sort: sorts elements and obtains the indexes

```
function x=aleat(rango)
%% function x=aleat(rango)
% Genera una lista de números aleatorios no repetidos de tamaño rango
%
z=rand(1,rango);
[s,x]=sort(z);
```

# Global variables

- Functions treat variables by value
  - There are many calls of this type:  
`my_date=NextDay(my_date);`
  - Functions that transform matrices are very inefficient

Although variables are used by value, Matlab is smart enough to treat them by reference (more efficient) if they are not modified inside the function.

# Global variables

- In general using global variables is not recommended for code clarity. However it can improve the efficiency if working with large matrices.

```
global GRAVITY
GRAVITY = 32;
y = falling((0:.1:5)');
```

```
function h = falling(t)
global GRAVITY
h = 1/2*GRAVITY*t.^2;
```

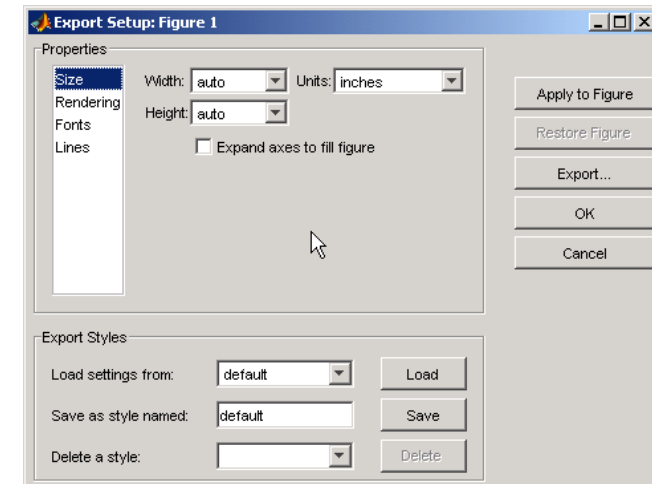
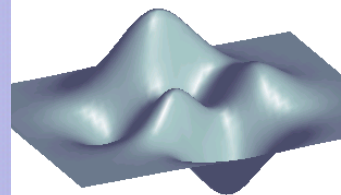
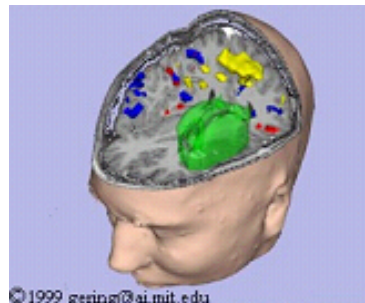
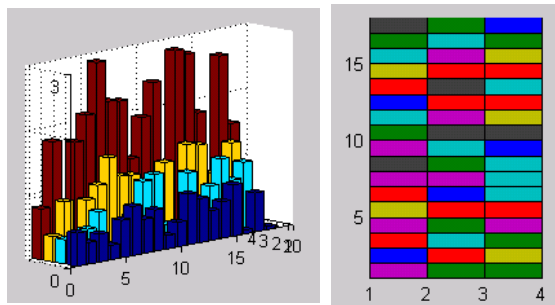
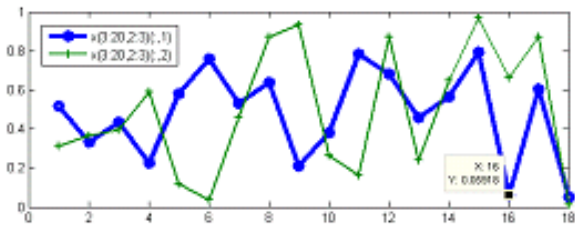
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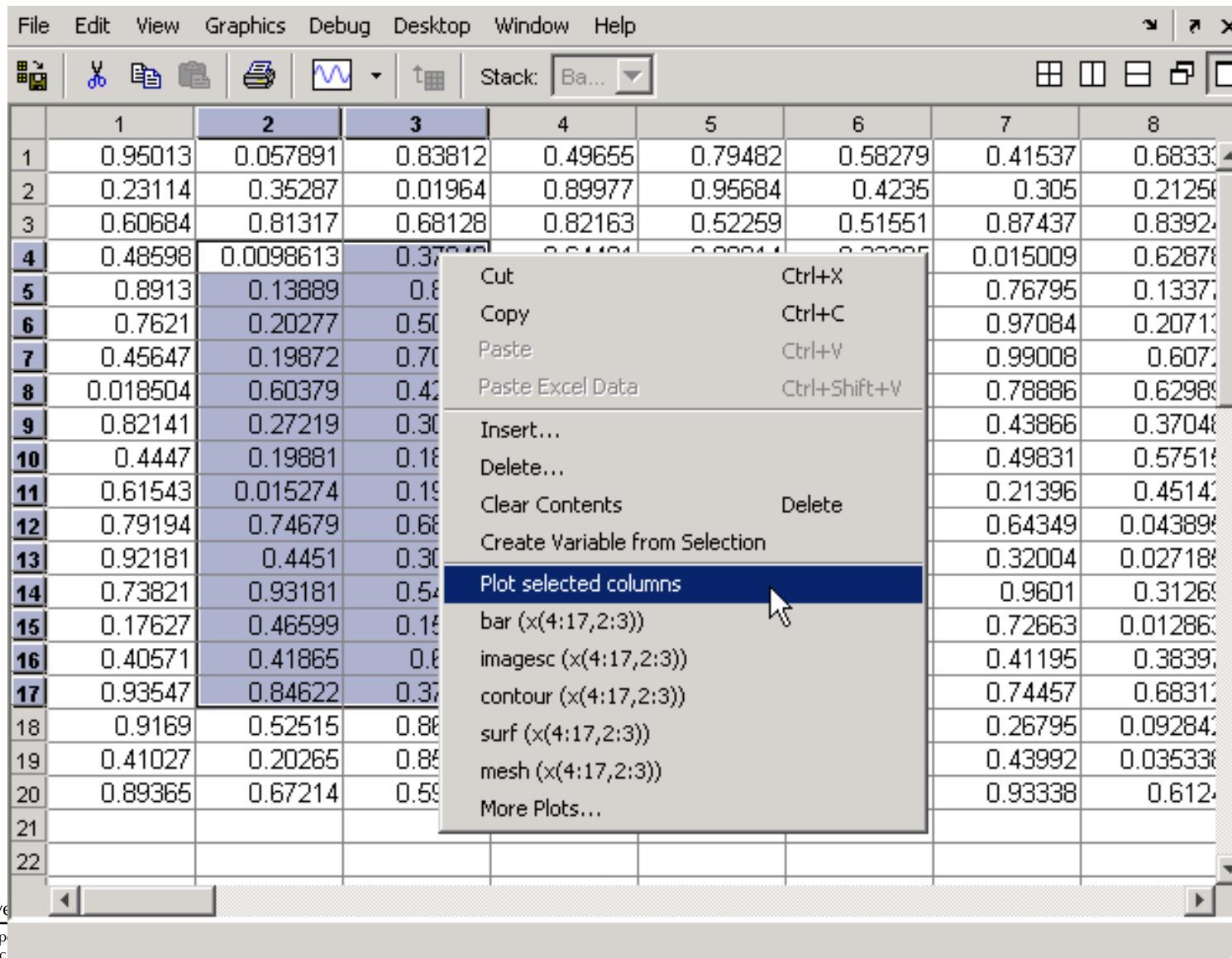
# Create graphics

- Matlab can create different types of graphics:
  - to display data values
  - to create images/movies/VR/GIS
  - to generate a graphical use interface



# Create graphics

- Create graphics directly from the matrix editor

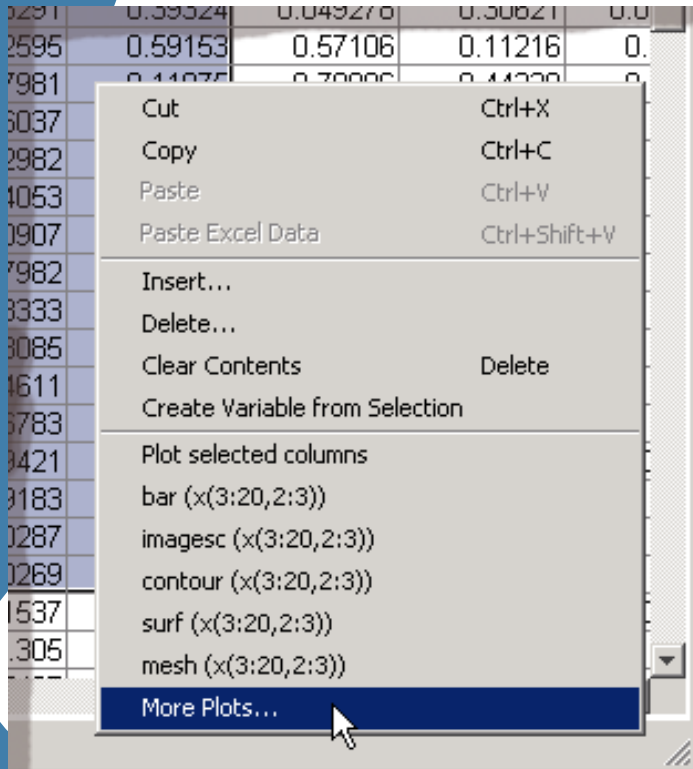


The screenshot shows the MATLAB Matrix Editor interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Graphics, Debug, Desktop, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for various actions, and the Stack window shows 'Ba...'. The matrix editor displays a grid with columns 1 through 8 and rows 1 through 22. A context menu is open over the matrix, listing various actions. The 'Plot selected columns' option is highlighted, and a mouse cursor is pointing at it. The menu items include:

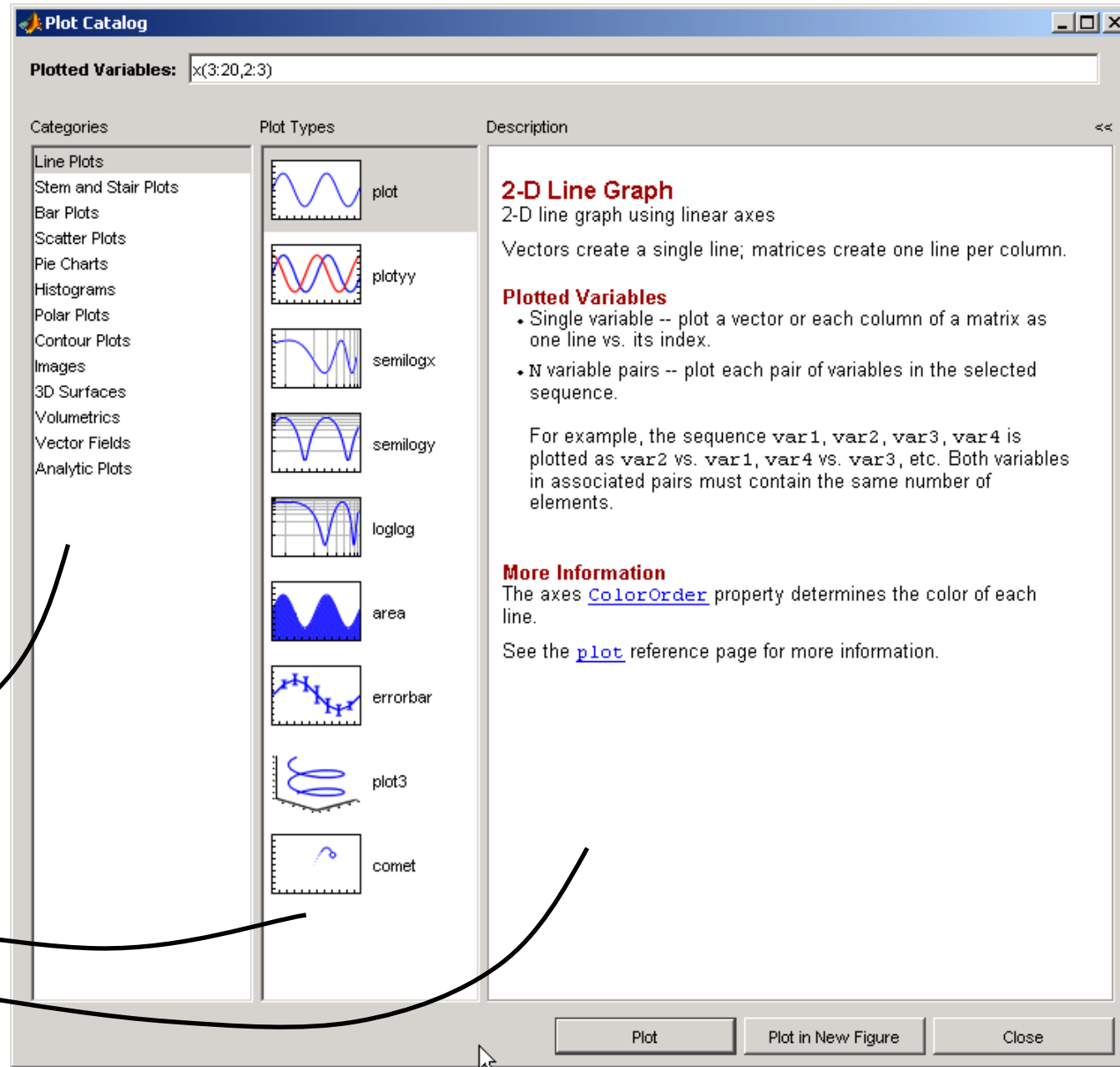
- Cut (Ctrl+X)
- Copy (Ctrl+C)
- Paste (Ctrl+V)
- Paste Excel Data (Ctrl+Shift+V)
- Insert...
- Delete...
- Clear Contents (Delete)
- Create Variable from Selection
- Plot selected columns**
- bar (x(4:17,2:3))
- imagesc (x(4:17,2:3))
- contour (x(4:17,2:3))
- surf (x(4:17,2:3))
- mesh (x(4:17,2:3))
- More Plots...



# Select graphics type



Matrix editor



Categories

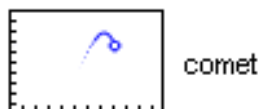
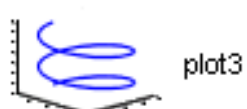
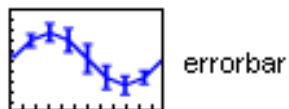
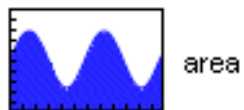
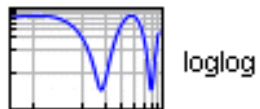
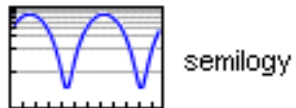
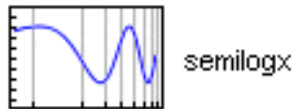
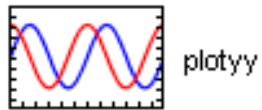
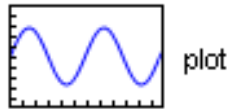
Plot types

Description and function references

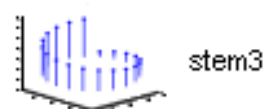
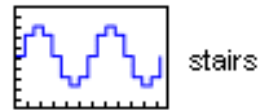
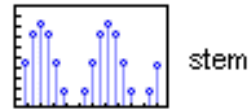


# Types of graphs (1D, 2D)

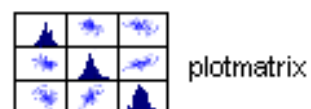
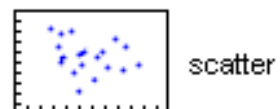
## Line



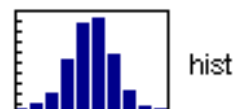
## Stem & stair



## Scatter



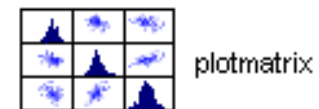
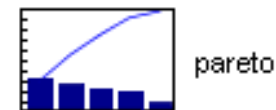
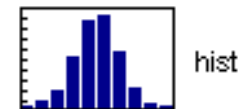
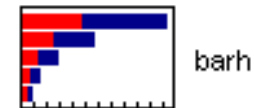
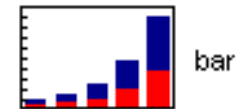
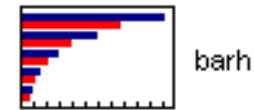
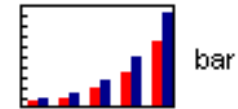
## Histogram



## Polar



## Bar

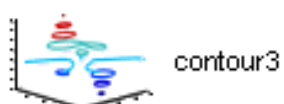
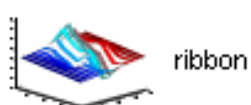
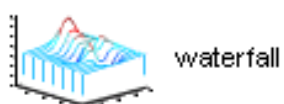
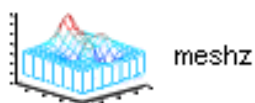
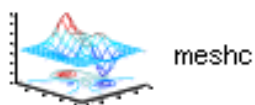
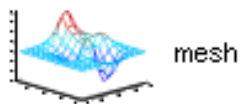
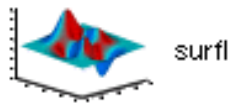
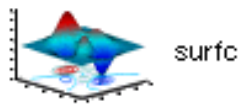
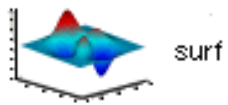


## Pie

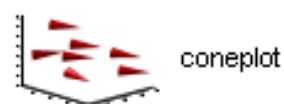
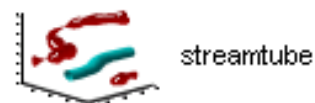
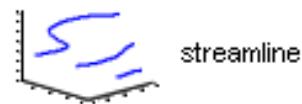
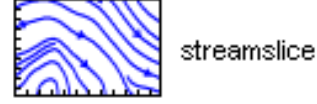
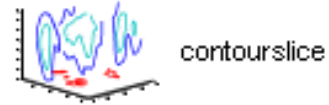
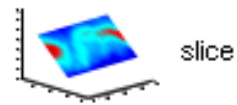


# Types of graphs ( $\geq 3D$ )

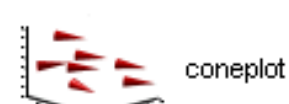
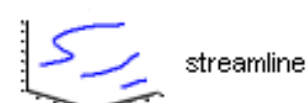
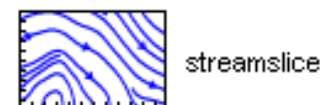
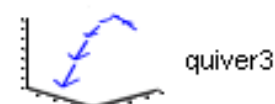
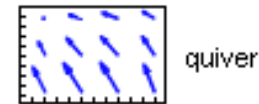
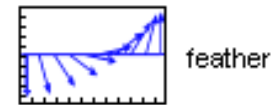
## 3D surfaces



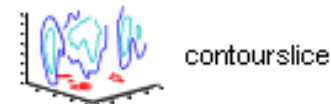
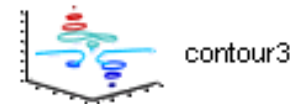
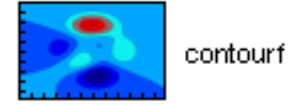
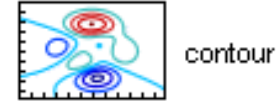
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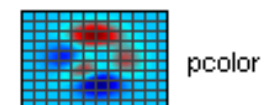
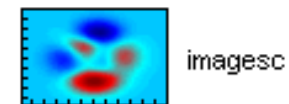
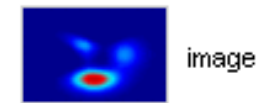
## Vector Fields



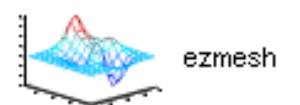
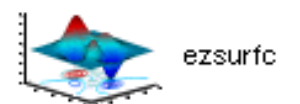
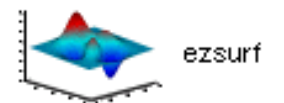
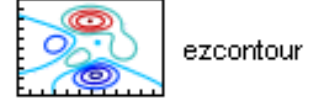
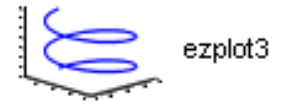
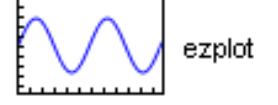
## Contour



## Images



## Analytic



# Create graphs with plot

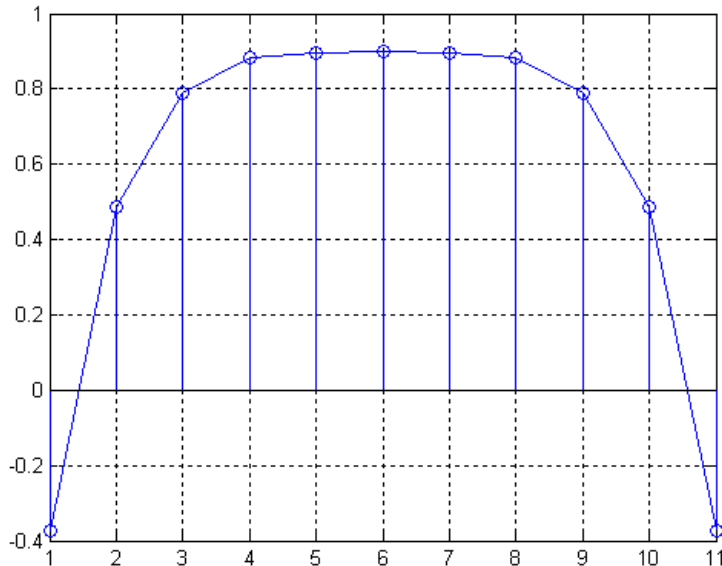
```
plot(Y)
```

```
plot(X1, Y1, ...)
```

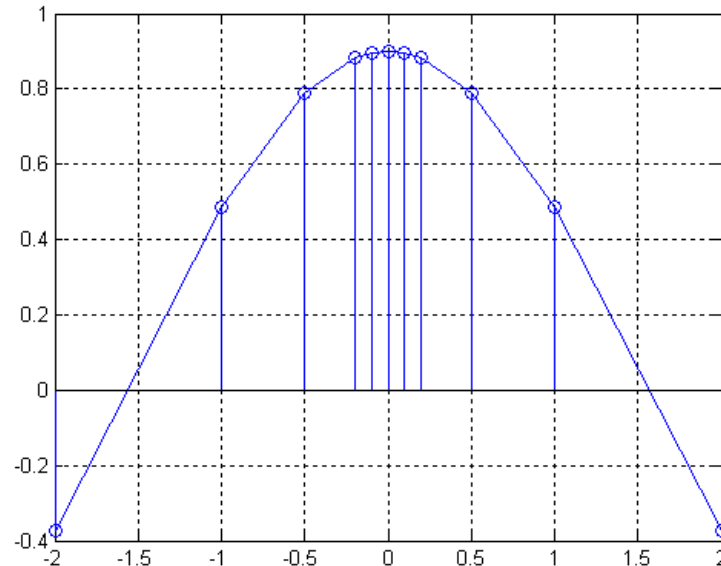
```
plot(X1, Y1, LineSpec, ...)
```

```
plot(..., 'PropertyName', PropertyValue, ...)
```

```
>> plot(yy,'o-')  
>> hold on; stem(yy); hold off  
>> grid on
```

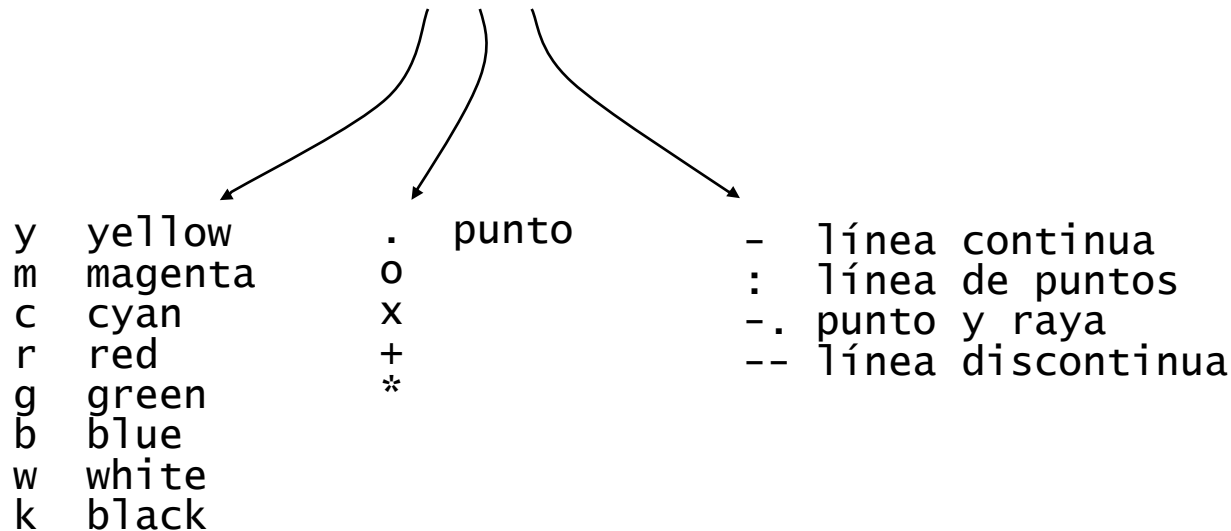


```
>> plot(xx,yy,'o-')  
>> hold on; stem(xx,yy); hold off  
>> grid on
```



# Create graphs with plot

```
plot(x,y,'rx-');
```



```
plot(x,y1,'rx-',x,y2,'g--');
```

To draw a line use:

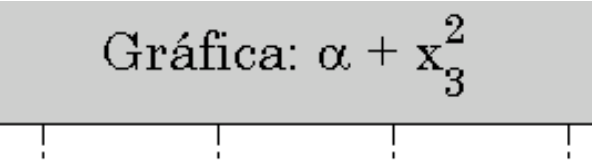
```
hold on  
plot([x1,x2],[y1,y1],'k');  
hold off
```

```
plot(x,y1,'rx-');  
hold on;  
plot(x,y2,'g--');  
hold off;
```

# Text on graphs

```
xlabel('Eje x');  
ylabel('Eje y');  
zlabel('Eje z');  
title('Título de la gráfica');  
text(x,y,'Texto en (x,y)');
```

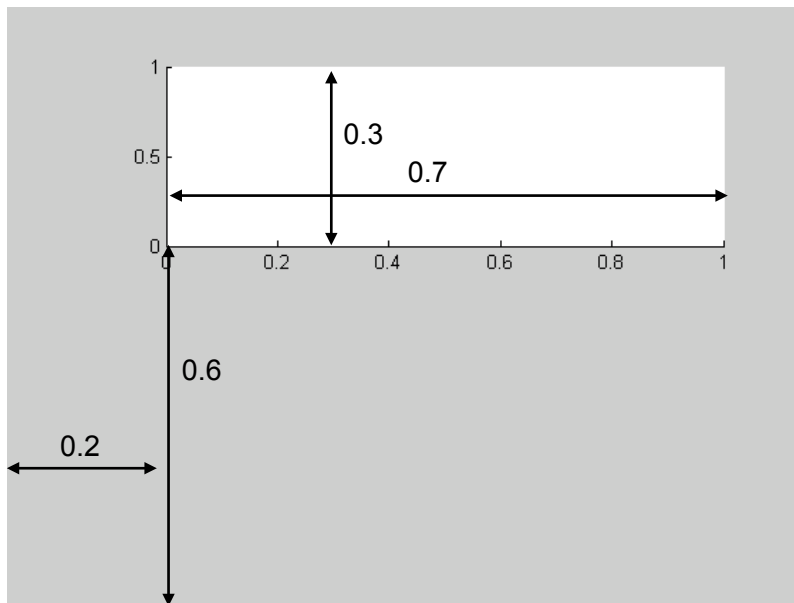
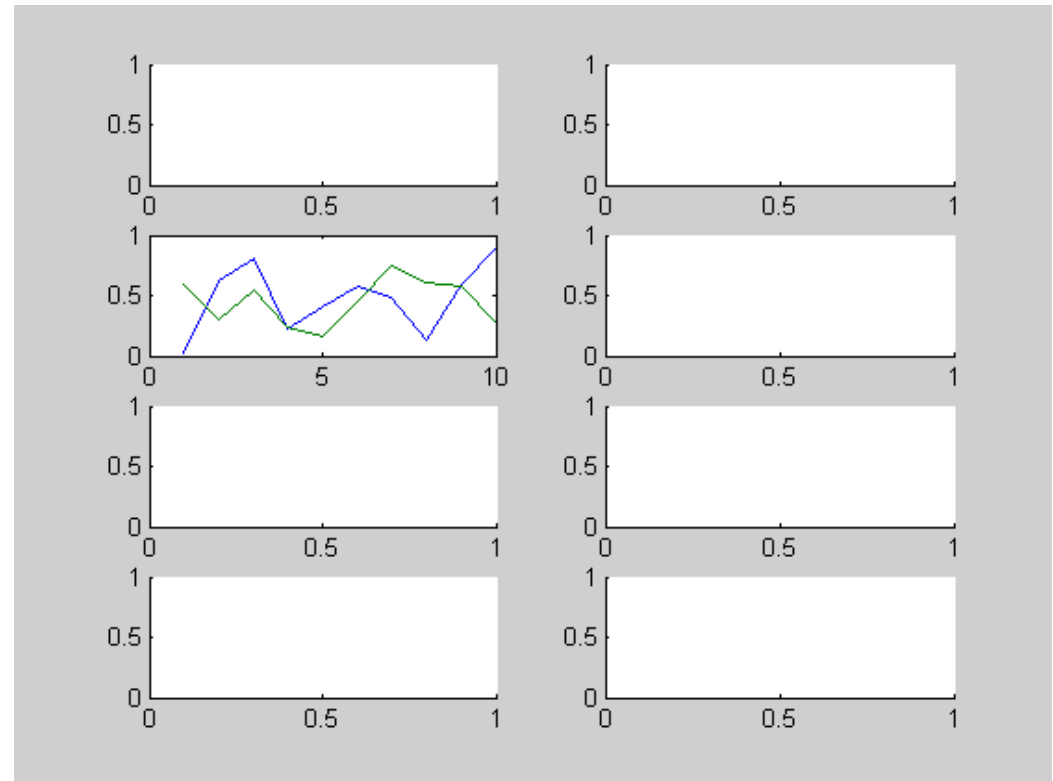
Trick: Text can use Latex expressions  
`title('Gráfica: \alpha + x_3^2')`



Gráfica:  $\alpha + x_3^2$

# Subplots: several graphs on the same figure

```
subplot(4,2,3)  
plot(rand(10,2))
```



```
subplot('position',[0.2,0.6,0.7,0.3])
```

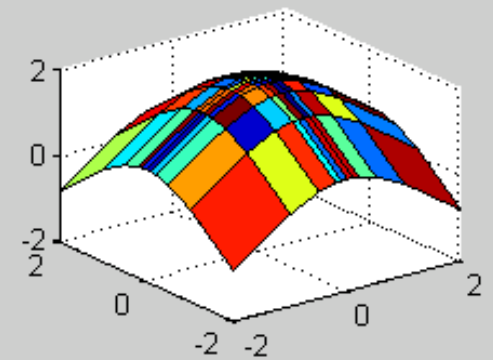
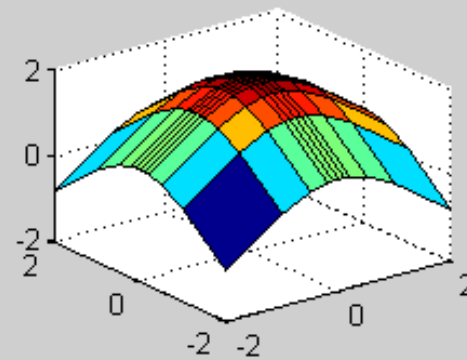
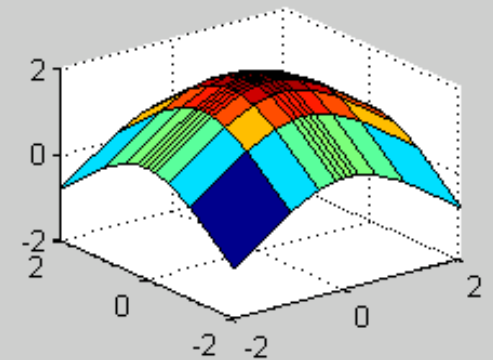
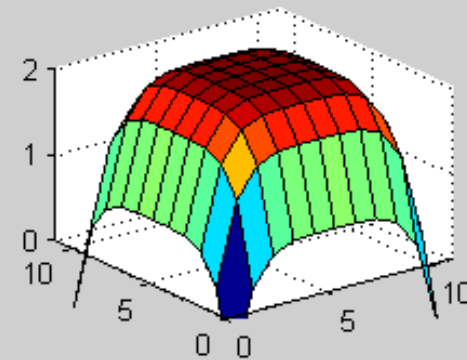
# Surface graphs

`surf(Z)`

`surf(X,Y,Z)`

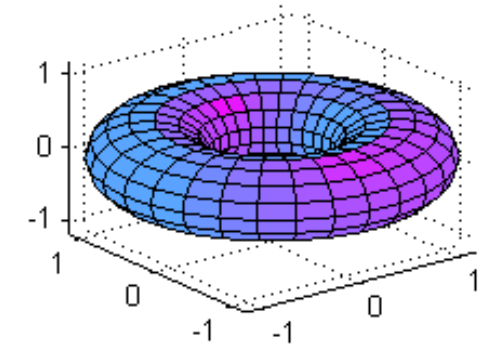
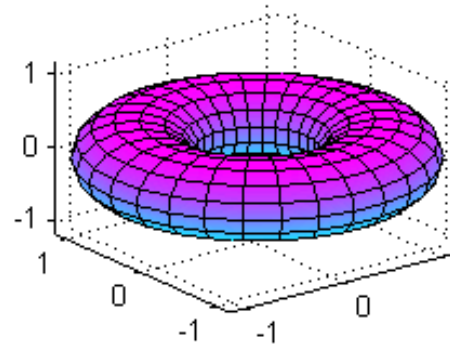
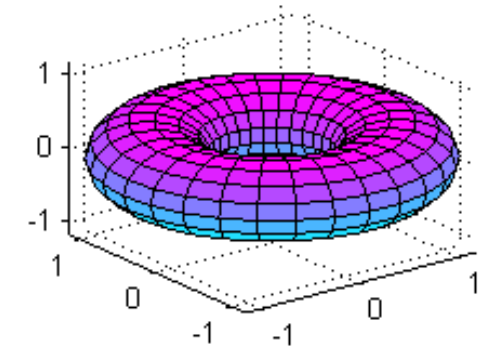
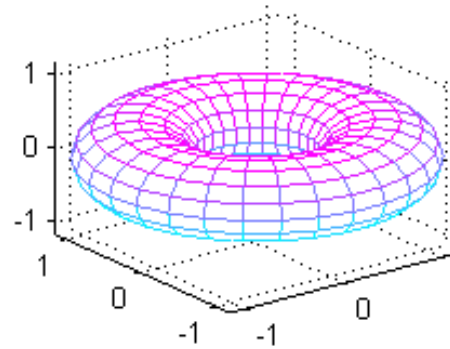
`surf(X,Y,Z,C)`      colores

```
x=[-20,-10,-5,-2,-1,0,1,2,5,10,20]/10;  
y=x;  
  
[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);  
Z=cos(X)+cos(Y);  
  
subplot(2,2,1)  
surf(Z);  
axis([0 11 0 11 0 2])  
  
subplot(2,2,2)  
surf(x,y,Z);  
  
subplot(2,2,3)  
surf(X,Y,Z);  
  
subplot(2,2,4)  
C=rand(size(Z));  
surf(X,Y,Z,C);
```



# Spacial surfaces

```
function [x,y,z]=torus()  
% Dibuja un toro  
%  
r=0.5; %radio lateral  
n=30; %número de elementos  
a=1; %radio central  
  
%Calculo ángulos en función de la resolución  
theta=pi*(0:2:2*n)/n;  
phi=2*pi*(0:2:n)'/n;  
  
%Calculo y proyecto en x,y,z.  
xx=(a + r * cos(phi))*cos(theta);  
yy=(a + r * cos(phi))*sin(theta);  
zz=r * sin(phi)*ones(size(theta));  
  
%Dibujo la figura  
ar=(a+r)/sqrt(2)*1.1;  
colormap('cool')  
subplot(2,2,1); mesh(xx,yy,zz);  
axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);  
  
subplot(2,2,2); surf(xx,yy,zz);  
axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);  
  
subplot(2,2,3); p=surf(xx,yy,zz);  
shading interp  
set(p,'EdgeColor','k');  
axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);  
  
subplot(2,2,4); surf1(xx,yy,zz);  
axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);
```



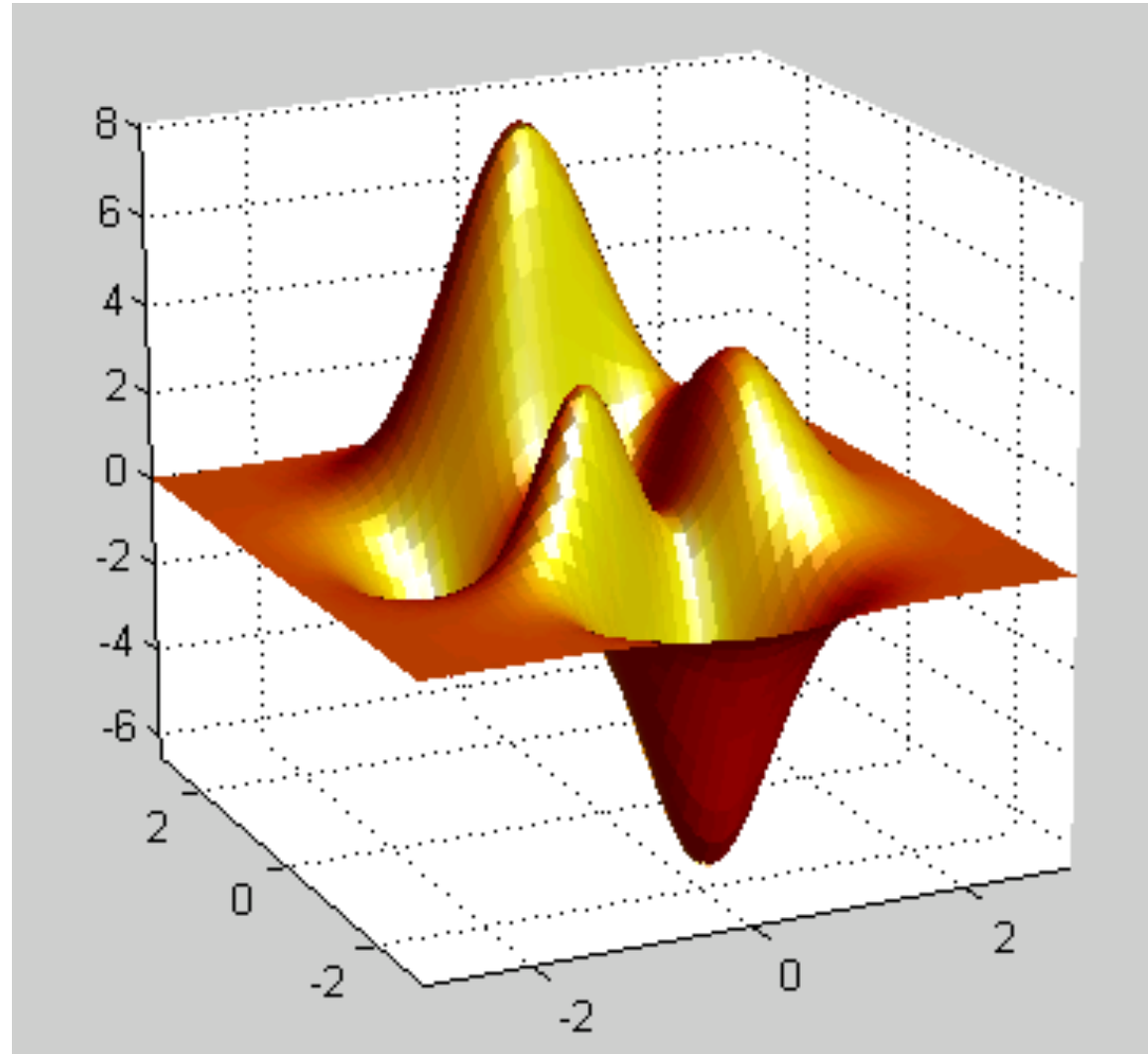


# Illumination and view point

```
[x,y,z]=peaks;  
surf1(x,y,z);  
shading interp
```

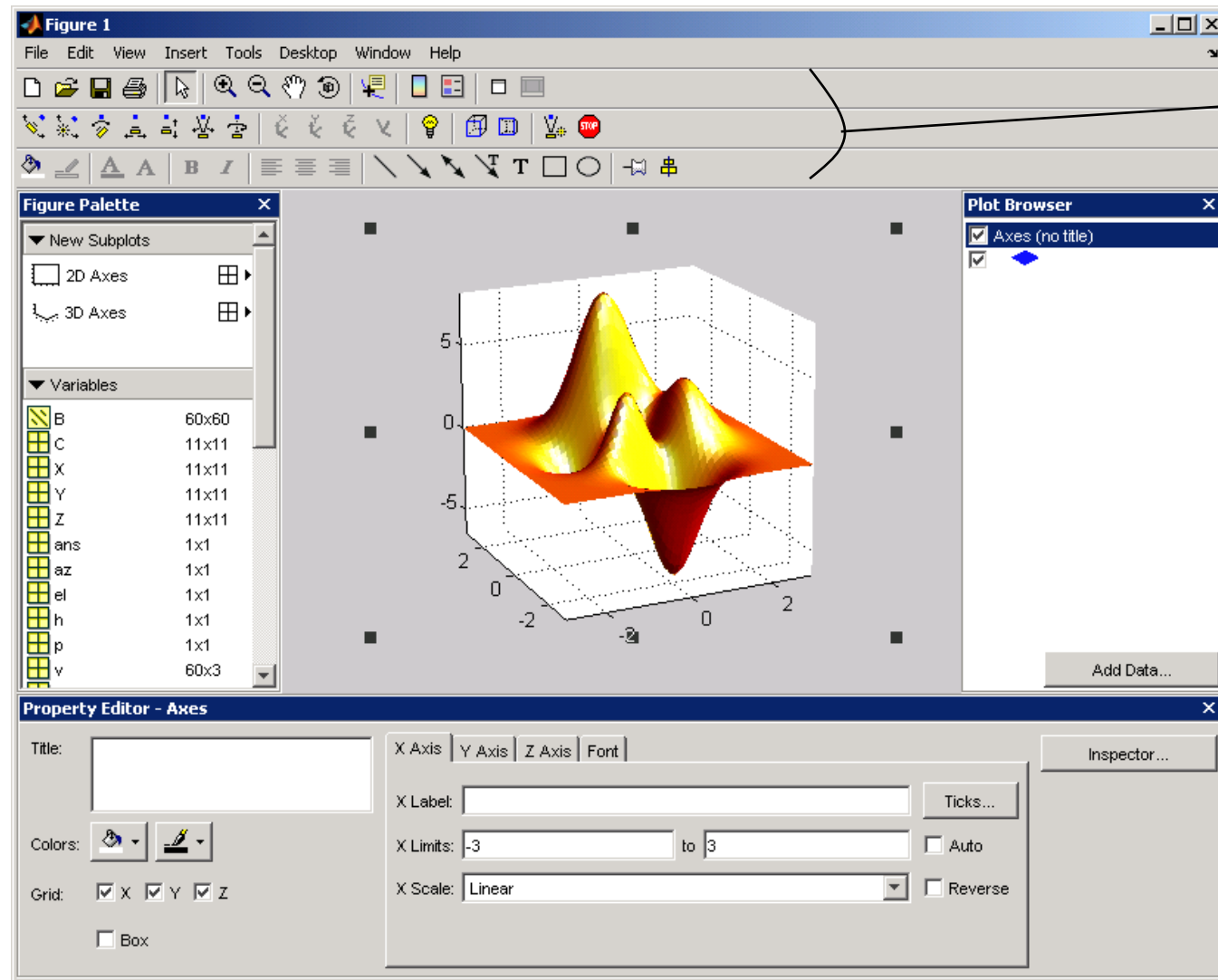
Punto de vista  
`view(azimuth,elevation)`  
`view(-37.5, 30)`

Iluminación  
`lightangle(az,e1)`  
`lightangle(90, 21.8)`



# Graph adjustments through menus

Ventana de la figura con todas las opciones activadas



Toolbars

Object selector

Create new subplots

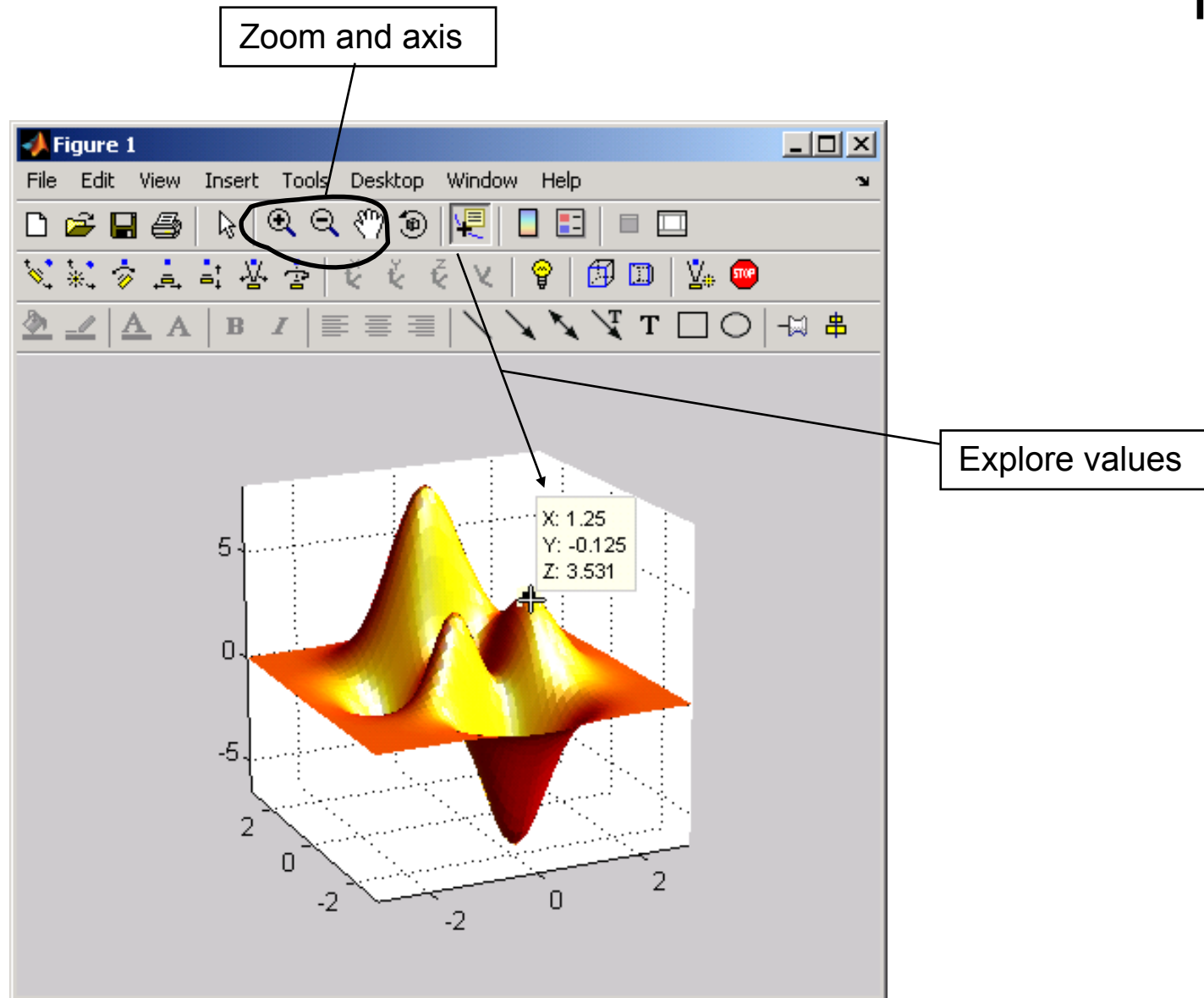
Variables of workspace

Properties:

- Figure
- Axes
- Current Object

# Graph adjustments through menus

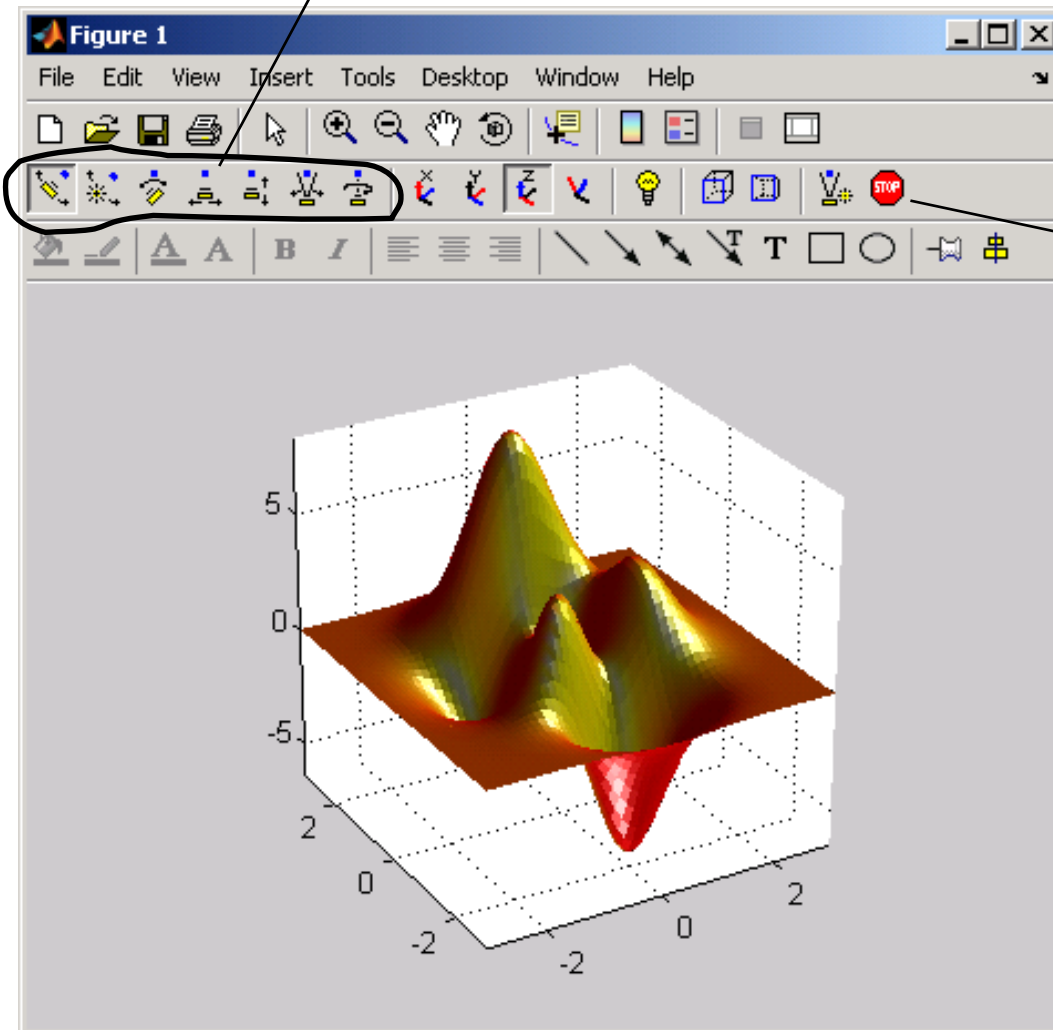
## Figure Toolbar



# Graph adjustments through menus

## Camera Toolbar

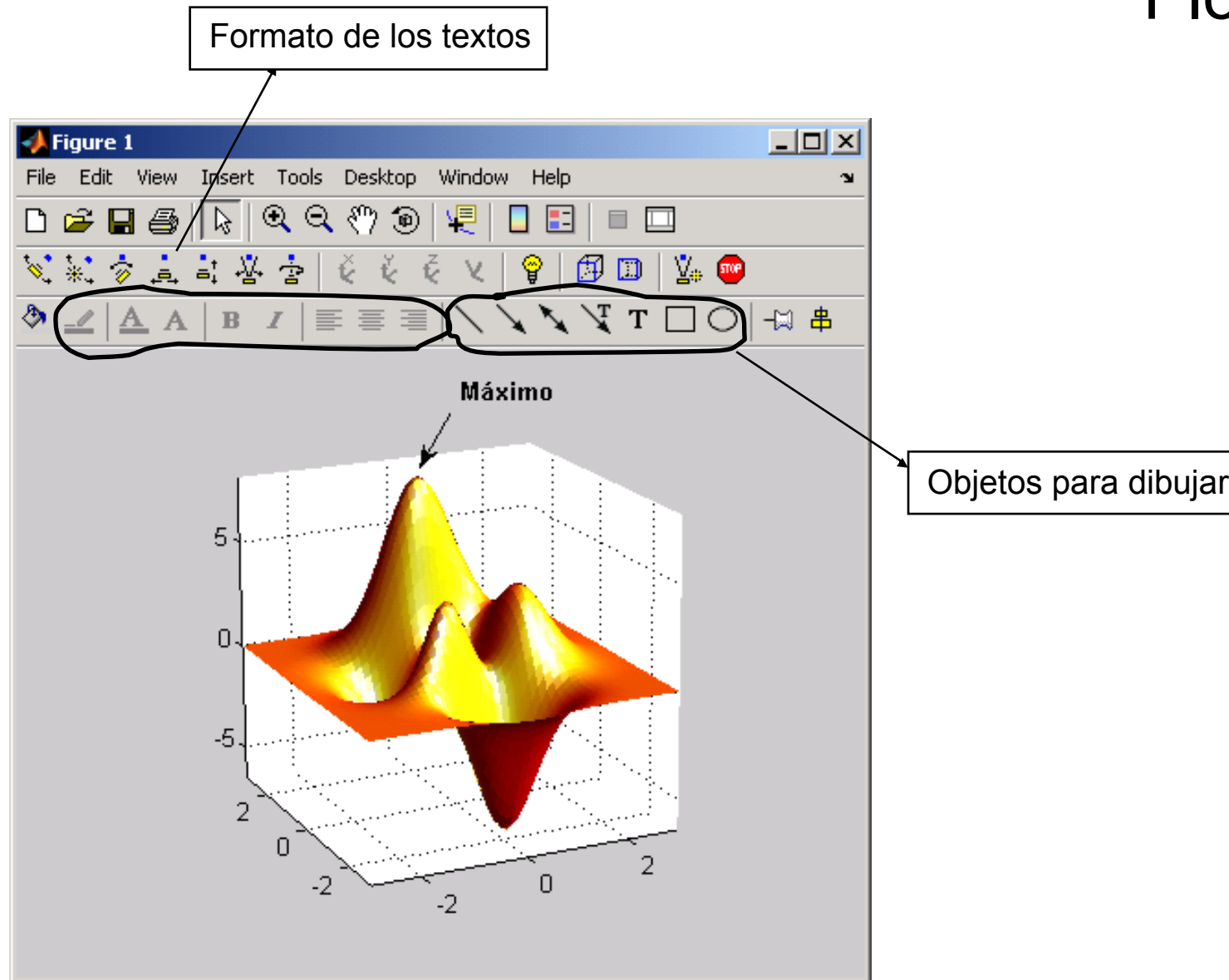
Controles de la cámara y del punto de luz



Detener la rotación animada

# Graph adjustments through menus

## Plot edit Toolbar



# Graph adjustments through properties

- Todas las propiedades de cada objeto del gráfico (figura, ejes, elemento gráfico,...) están guardadas en "handles"
- `gcf` → current figure, `gca` → current axis
- `get(handle)` muestra todas las propiedades que se pueden cambiar
- `set(handle, 'PropertyName', 'value', ...)` cambia propiedades

- Ejemplo:

```
set(gca, 'xtick', [1 2 3 4 5 6]);
```

```
set(gca, 'xtickLabel', ['ene'; 'feb'; 'mar'; 'abr'; 'may'; 'jun']);
```

# Save figures

- Using the menu

- File/Save As → .fig, .eps, .png, .jpeg, .bmp, .pcx, .tiff
- File/Generate M file

Esta opción nos permite ver qué comandos se utilizan para crear las modificaciones que hemos realizado por menú

- Using commands

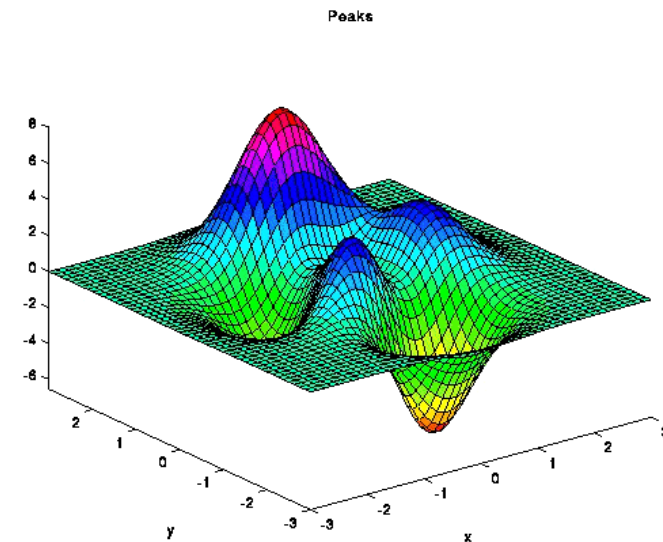
- `hgsave my_fig → my_fig.fig` Can be loaded using `hgload`
- save the figure as an image
  - `print -depsc -tiff -r300 archivo`
  - `print -dpng -r150 archivo`



# Create animations

- There are two ways to create animations:
  - Offline: generate a movie, save it, watch the movie with a player.
  - On-Line: draw a sequence of graph in Matlab
- To create a movie:
  - getframe, movie

```
for k = 1:16
    plot(fft(eye(k+16)))
    axis equal
    M(k) = getframe;
end
movie(M,1); %play the movie
movie2avi(M,'mi_peli','fps',1);
```



mi\_peli.avi



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# Compiler

- Converts Matlab code to C and generates an executable independent from Matlab
  - The program created does not require a Matlab license to work
  - It may execute faster (not always)
  - Compiler works with functions, not scripts

Installation (only the first time)

```
mbuild -setup
```

Command to compile

```
mcc -m prueba.m
```

# Compiler

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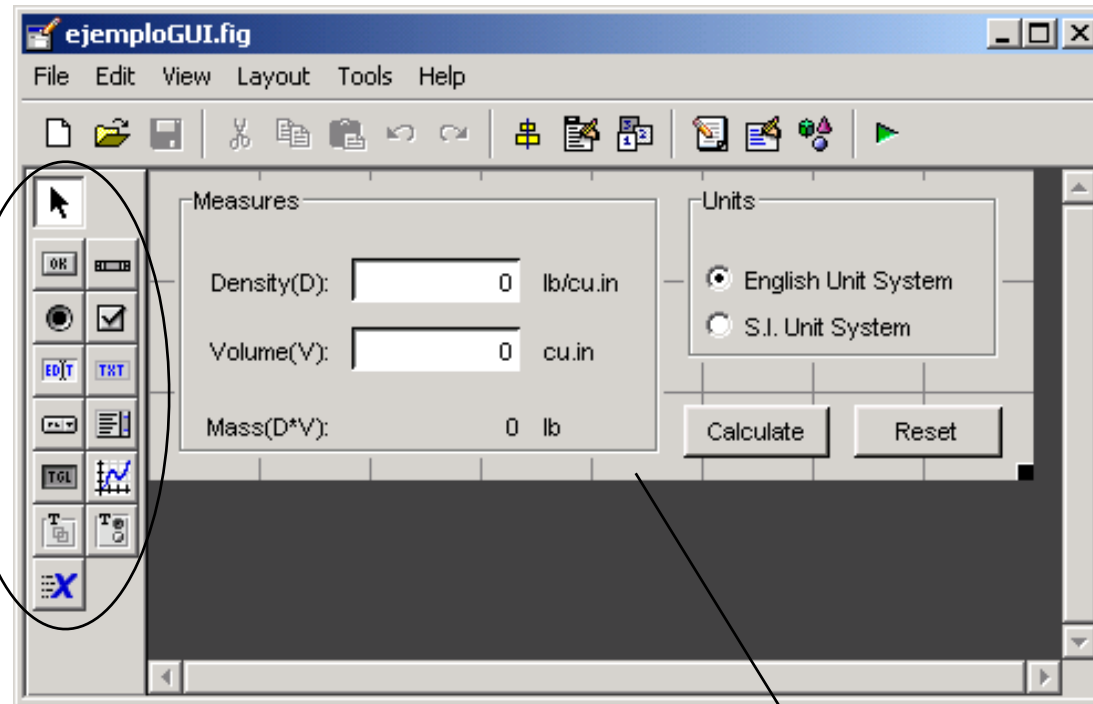
- Compiler can be used to create:
  - Independent application: `mcc -m file1.m`
  - Library functions: `mcc -l file1.m`
  - COM object (component object model)
  - Excel Add-in

# Compiler

- In order to install an application in a computer without Matlab:
  - Copy the following files:
    - prueba.exe
    - prueba.ctf
    - <matlabroot>\toolbox\compiler\deploy\win32\MCRInstaller.exe
  - In the destination:
    - Install MCRInstaller in directory c:\MCR (for example)
    - Check that c:\MCR\runtime\win32 is part of PATH
    - Copy prueba.exe and prueba.ctf to any directory.

# Create graphical user interfaces

- Use guide from Matlab

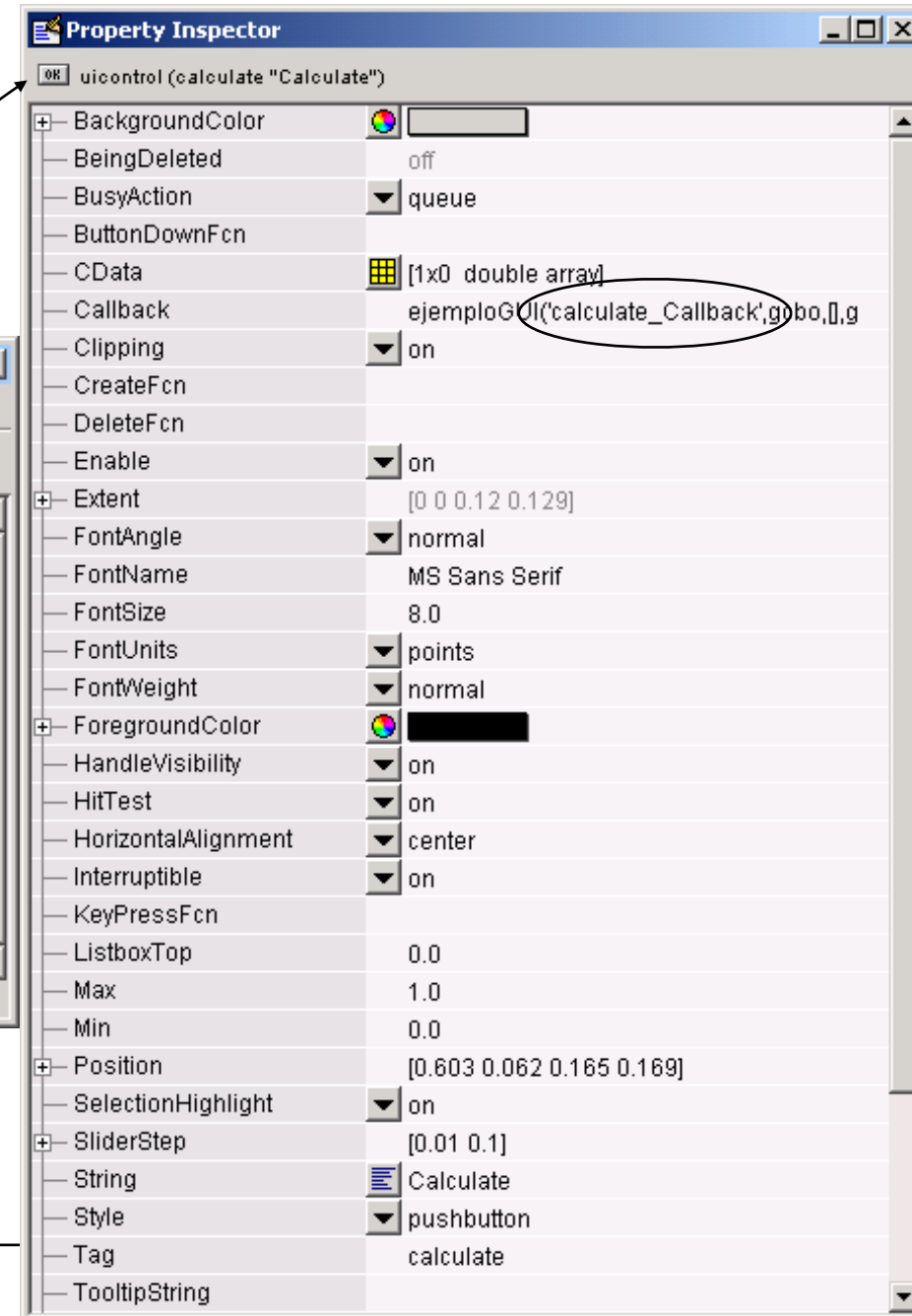
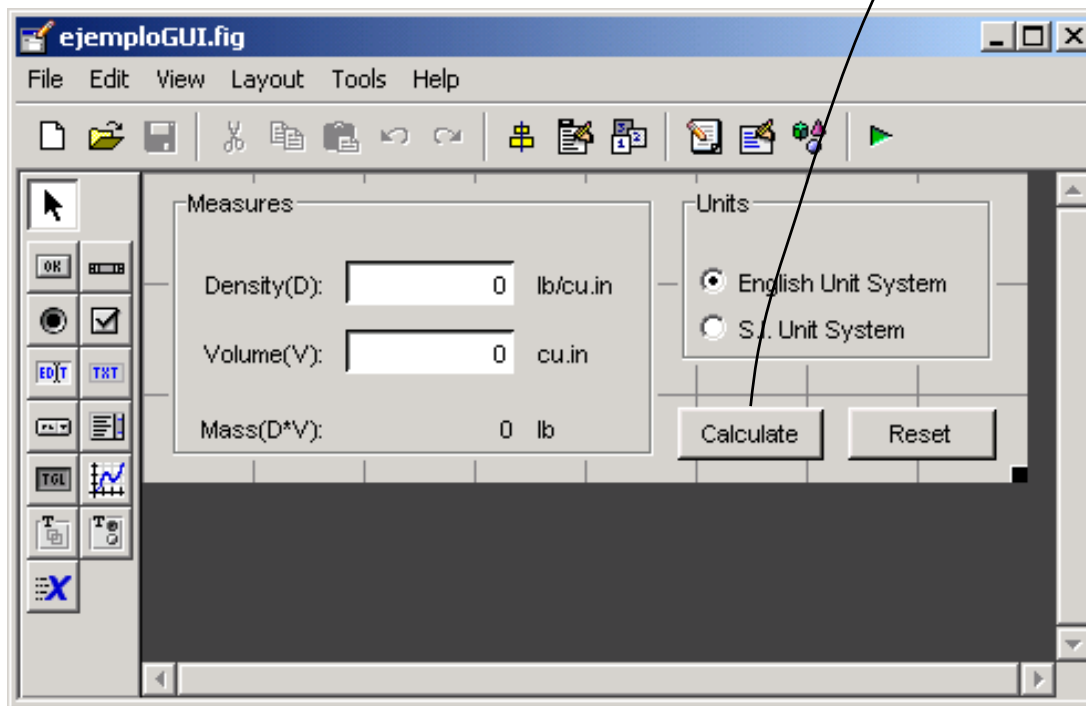


Object to draw

Application

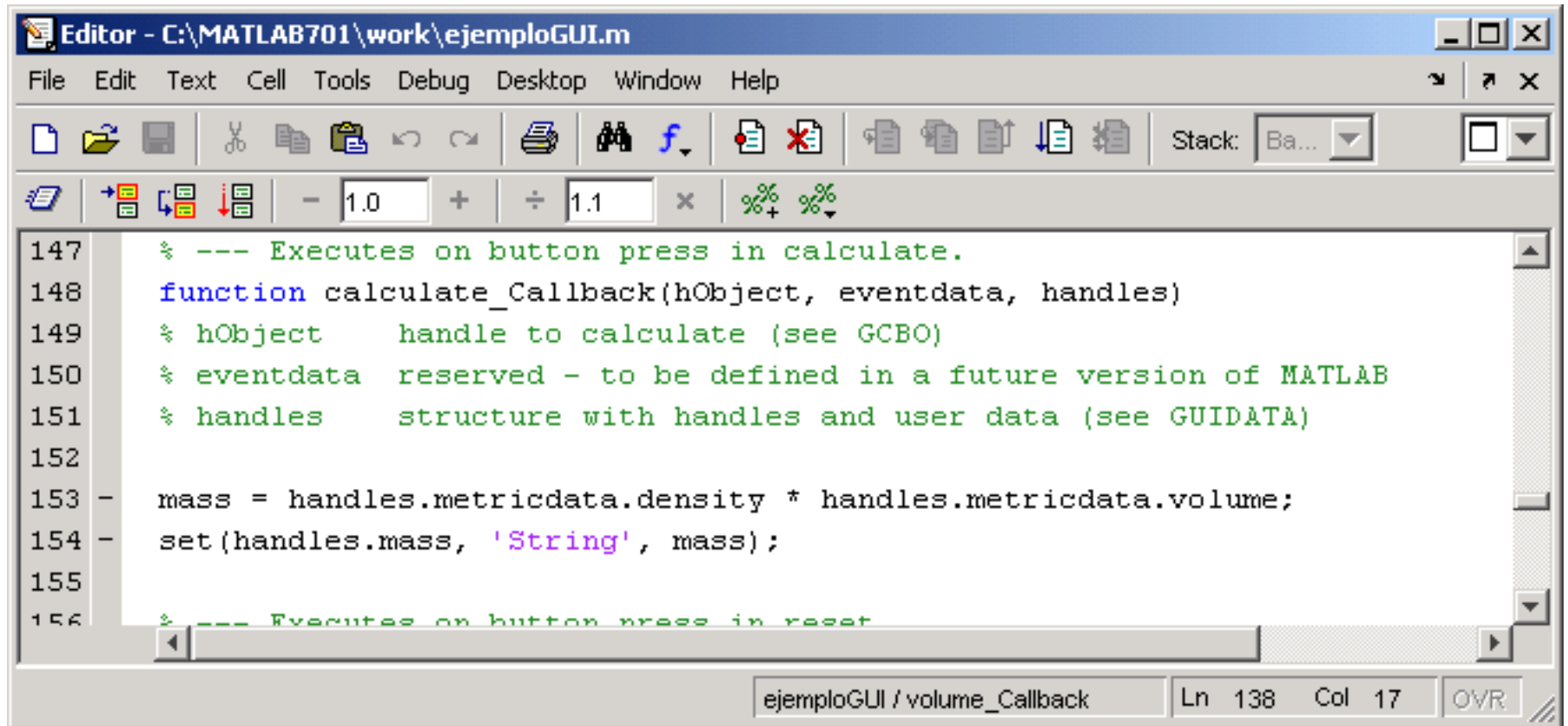
# Create graphical user interfaces

- Each object has some attributes and a callback function



# Create graphical user interfaces

- Guide generates a .m file ready to insert your application code



The screenshot shows a MATLAB Editor window titled "Editor - C:\MATLAB701\work\ejemploGUI.m". The window contains a MATLAB script with the following code:

```
147 % --- Executes on button press in calculate.
148 function calculate_Callback(hObject, eventdata, handles)
149 % hObject      handle to calculate (see GCBO)
150 % eventdata    reserved - to be defined in a future version of MATLAB
151 % handles      structure with handles and user data (see GUIDATA)
152
153 - mass = handles.metricdata.density * handles.metricdata.volume;
154 - set(handles.mass, 'String', mass);
155
156 % --- Executes on button press in reset
```

The status bar at the bottom of the window indicates the current position: "ejemploGUI / volume\_Callback Ln 138 Col 17 OVR".

In general it is recommended to keep computing code isolated from interface functions

# External communications

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- Direct data acquisition
  - Database toolbox
  - Data Acquisition toolbox
  - Image Acquisition toolbox
- Data from files
  - xlsread, load, textscan (numbers)
  - auread, wavread (sound)
  - imread (image)
  - aviread (movie)



# External communications

- External programs
  - Matlab calls other programs
    - system, dos, unix
  - Matlab calls functions developed in different programming languages
    - Create a MEX (`#include "mex.h"`)
    - Matlab call the function is if it were a `.m`
  - Excel calls matlab
    - Excel Link toolbox
  - Any program calls matlab avoiding the interface
    - `matlab -nodisplay -m programa`
    - `matlab -nodesktop -m programa`

# Generate documentation

- Useful recommendations
  - Document functions:
    - Description
    - Input arguments
    - Output results
    - Example on how to use the function
    - Remarks/limitations
  - Keep you computing code independent of the interface code. Better for debugging, improving performance and to update the interface.
  - Create sections with comment of type `%%`

# Generate documentation

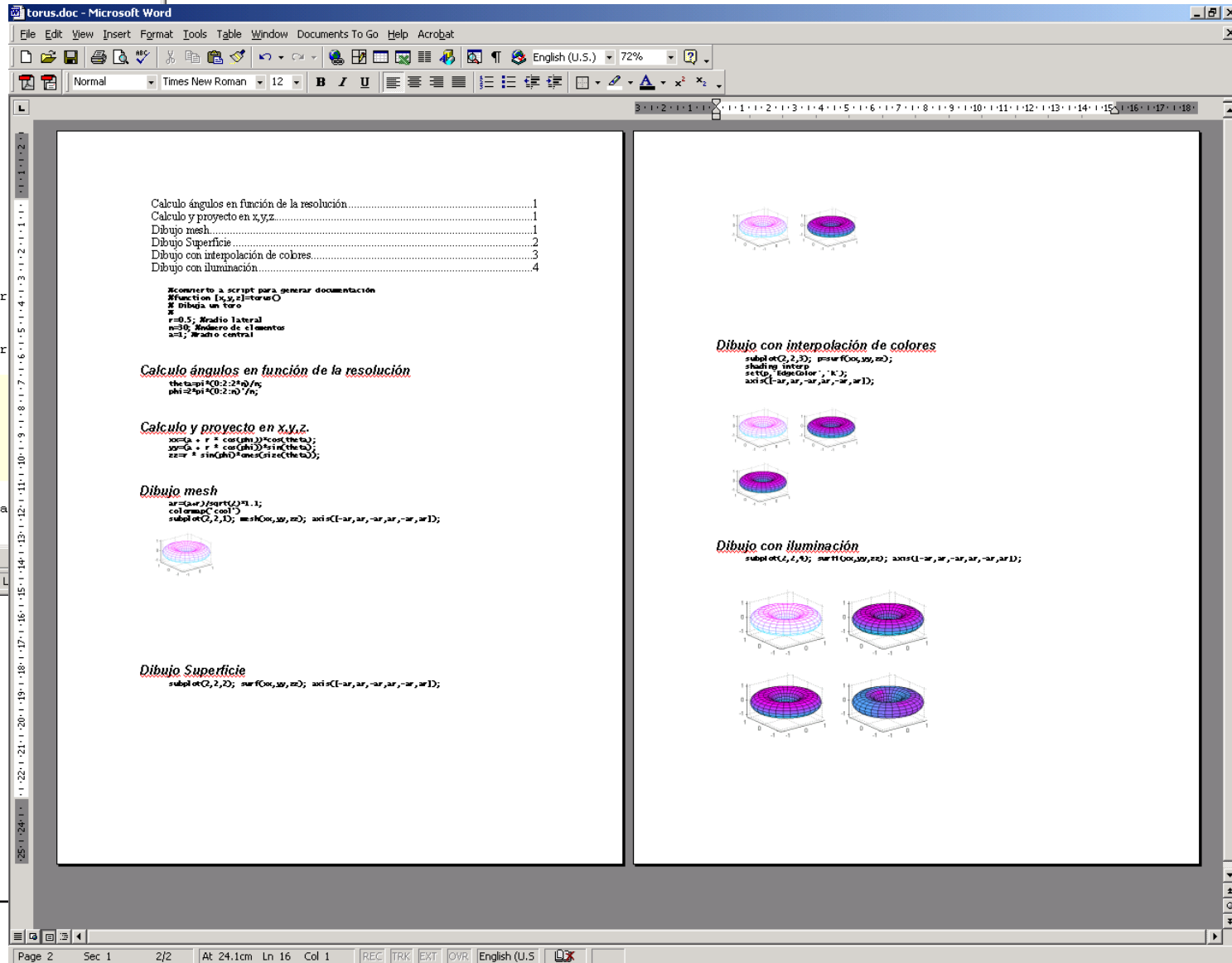
- Matlab 7 and latter can generate documentation automatically.
  - Generates HTML, XML, LaTeX, Word y Power Point.
  - It uses the comments %%
- Procedure:
  - Activate "cell mode" with Cell/Enable Cell Mode
  - Select File/Publish to HTML
  - Matlab will execute the script and will generate a document with your code and the graphical results created on each section.

# Ejemplo: script torus.m

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1  %convierto a script para generar documentación
2  %function [x,y,z]=torus()
3  % Dibuja un toro
4  %
5  r=0.5; %radio lateral
6  n=30; %número de elementos
7  a=1; %radio central
8  %
9  %% Calculo ángulos en función de la resolución
10 theta=pi*(0:2:2*n)/n;
11 phi=2*pi*(0:2:n)/n;
12 %
13 %% Calculo y proyecto en x,y,z.
14 xx=(a+r*cos(phi))*cos(theta);
15 yy=(a+r*cos(phi))*sin(theta);
16 zz=r*sin(phi)*ones(size(theta));
17 %
18 %% Dibujo mesh
19 ar=(a+r)/sqrt(2)*1.1;
20 colormap('cool')
21 subplot(2,2,1); mesh(xx,yy,zz); axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);
22 %
23 %% Dibujo Superficie
24 subplot(2,2,2); surf(xx,yy,zz); axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);
25 %
26 %% Dibujo con interpolación de colores
27 subplot(2,2,3); p=surf(xx,yy,zz);
28 shading interp
29 set(p,'EdgeColor','k');
30 axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);
31 %
32 %% Dibujo con iluminación
33 subplot(2,2,4); surfl(xx,yy,zz); axis([-ar,ar,-ar,ar]);

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# On-Line resources

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- **Mathworks website**

<http://www.mathworks.com/support/>

- Documentation
- Support. Sorted by categories
- Sample code
- News
- Software updates

- **Matlab Central**

- Newsgroups
- File Exchange
- Link Exchange

- **Technical support by email**

- You need to provide your active license code.
- You must describe platform, operating system, etc.
- Be very specific with your problem.